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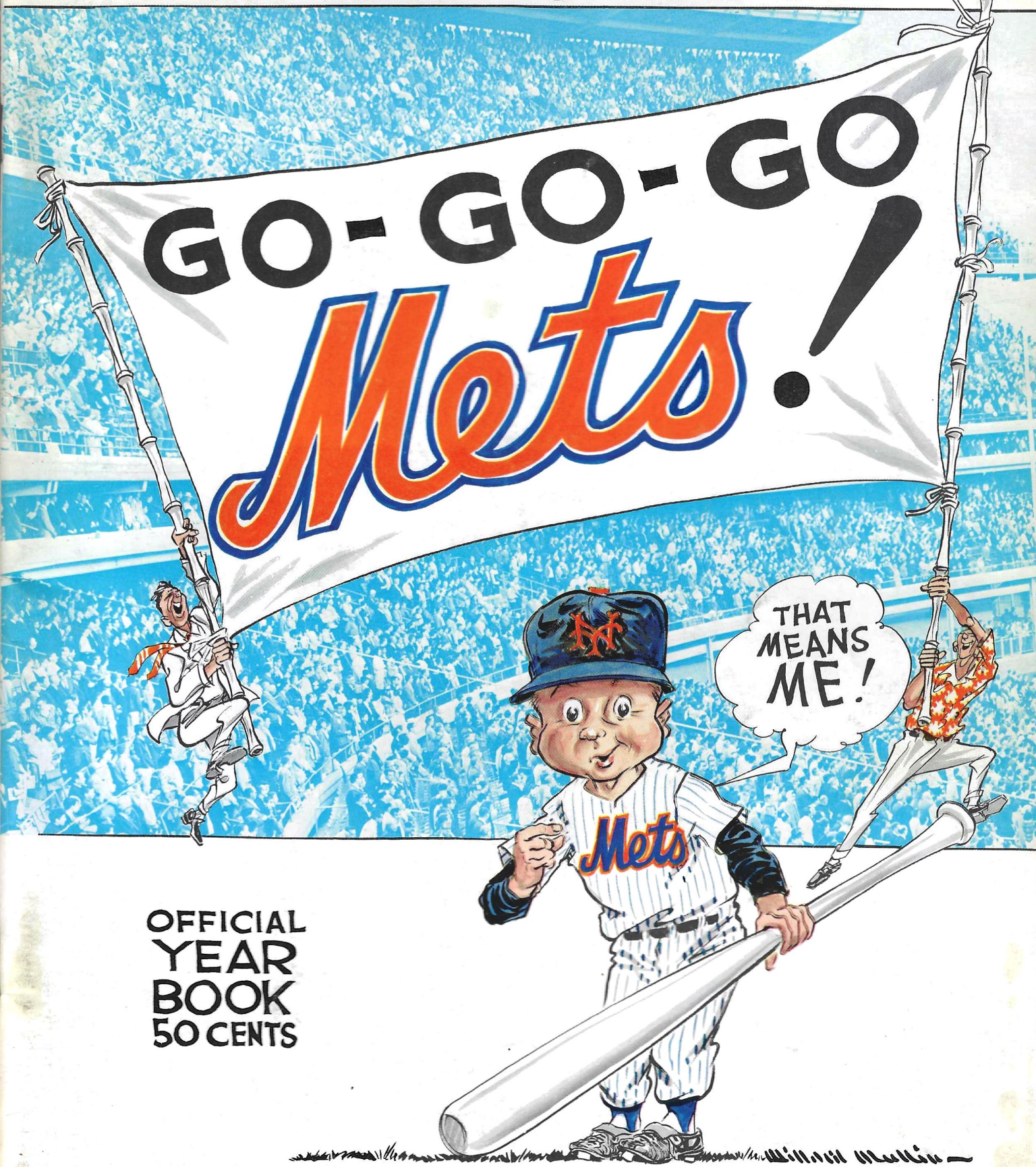

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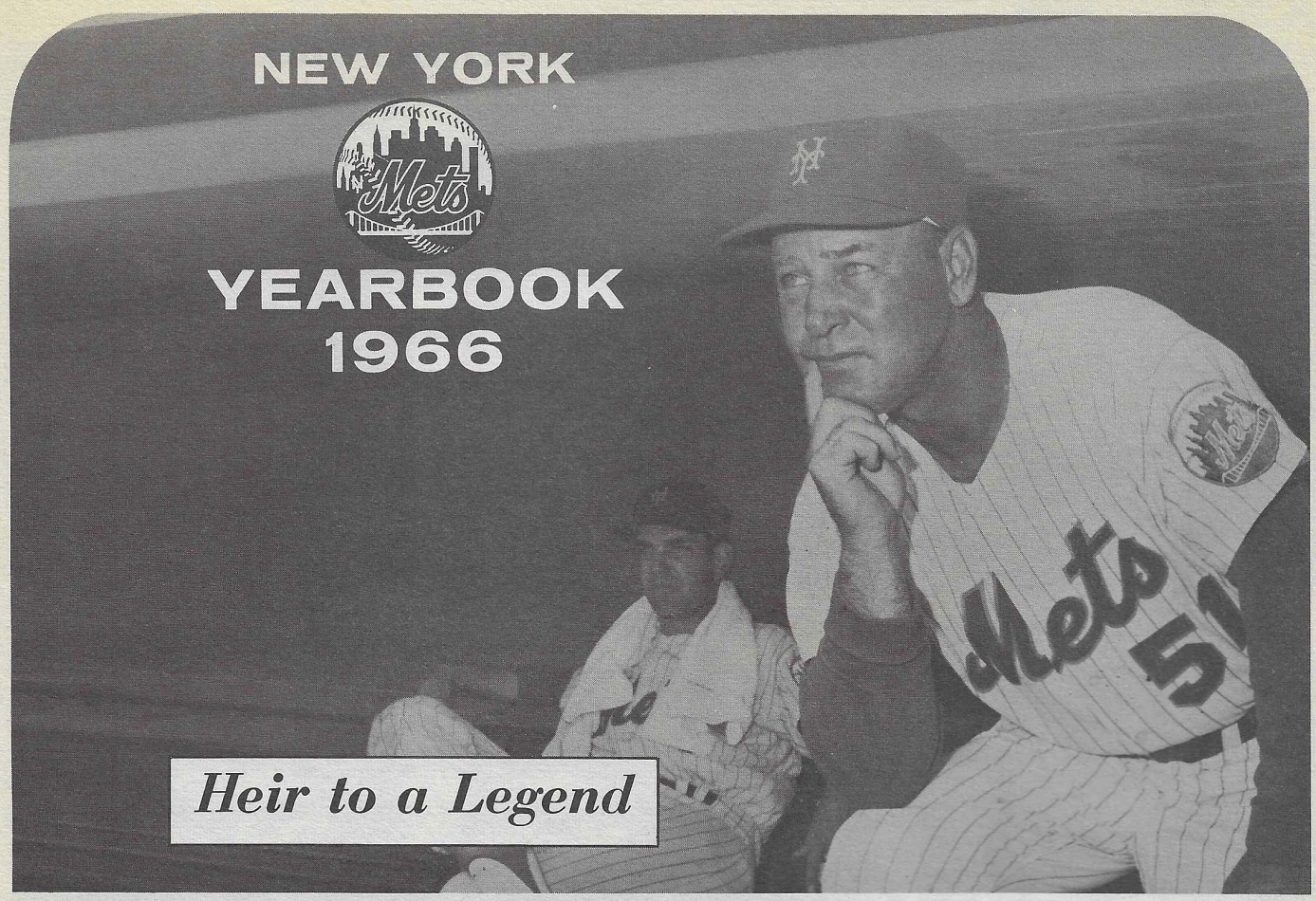

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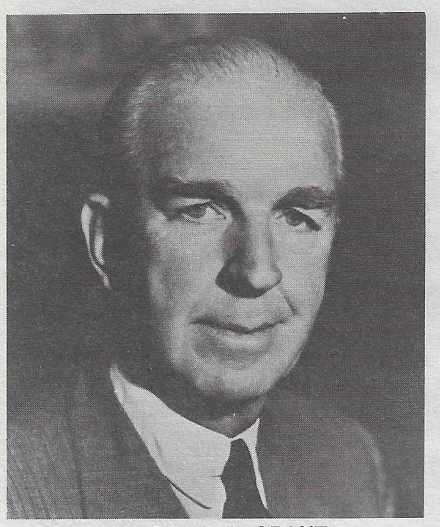

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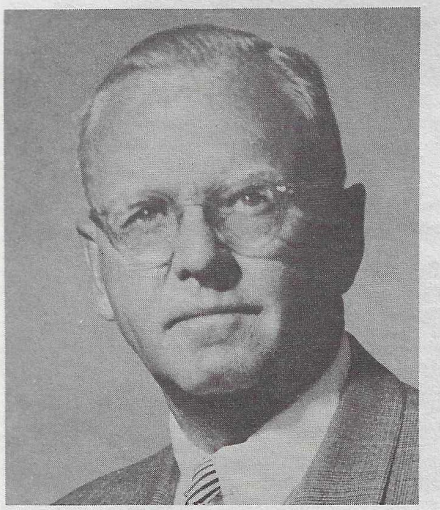

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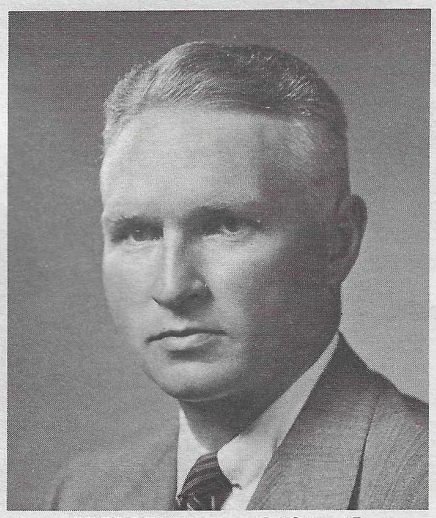

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Baseball Commissioner William Eckert and retired predecessor Ford Frick with members of Mets' front office team: G. Herbert Walker, Jr., George M. Weiss, Eckert, M. Donald Grant, Frick, Bing Devine and James K. Thomson at Toots Shor's diamond gathering.

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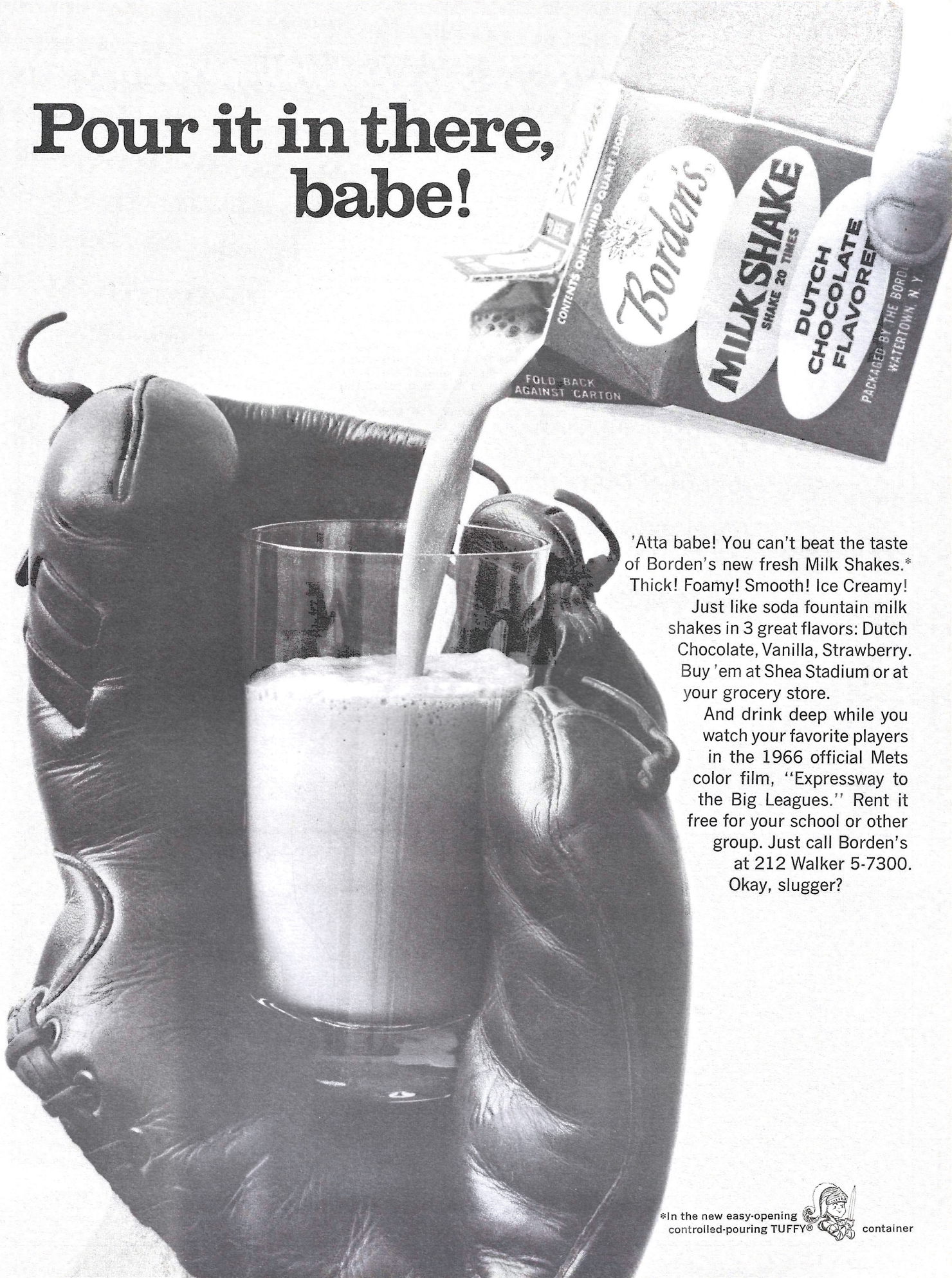

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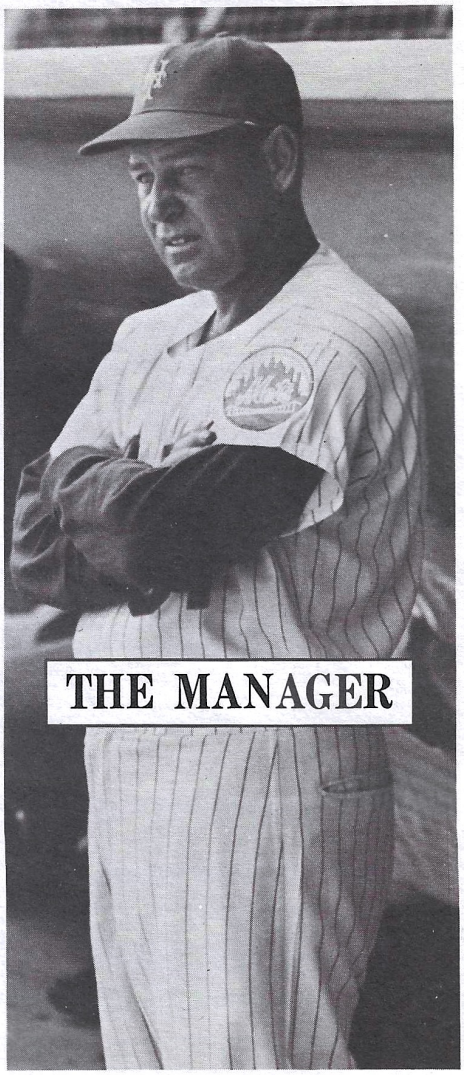

THE MANAGER

Last Nov. 18th the word "interim" was scratched from Wesley Noreen Westrum's designation as "interim manager" of the New York Mets.

Thus did the Algeresque script of the American success story come to a fitting climax: the backwoods kid who took a job in Class C baseball at age 17 to help support a widowed mother, and at age 43 became a major league manager in the world's greatest metroplis.

He steps into the awe-inspiring shoes of Casey Stengel as the hand-picked heir to a legend: the indestructible putty-faced giant who was the spirit, the wit and the voice of the Mets since their birth, and whom a fractured hip forced into retirement in the 75th year of one of the most vibrant careers in the history of the national game.

The road ahead may be hard, but that's the way Wes Westrum plays: hard . . . a soft-spoken disciplinarian who will settle for little less than 100 per cent effort, dedication and desire. That's the way he played it from Day One as a 12-year-old American Legion catcher, and an all-state basketball guard and fullback at Clearbrook (Minn.) High School. Whatever Wes Westrum asks of his Mets will be nothing more than he asked of himself.

A stocky, 5-11, 200-pound product of characteristic brown-haired, blue-eyed Norwegian extraction, Wes was raised in the rugged lake and lumber country of Clearbrook. Big Ten football and basketball scholarship offers had to be spurned at the expense of contributing to a mother, and three younger brothers whose father met an untimely death at 37.

He made it to the big leagues with the Giants in 1948, was a key figure on two National League championship teams (including the 1951 array that accomplished the "Miracle of Coogan's Bluff") and moved into the coaching cabinet after retiring his glove in 1957.

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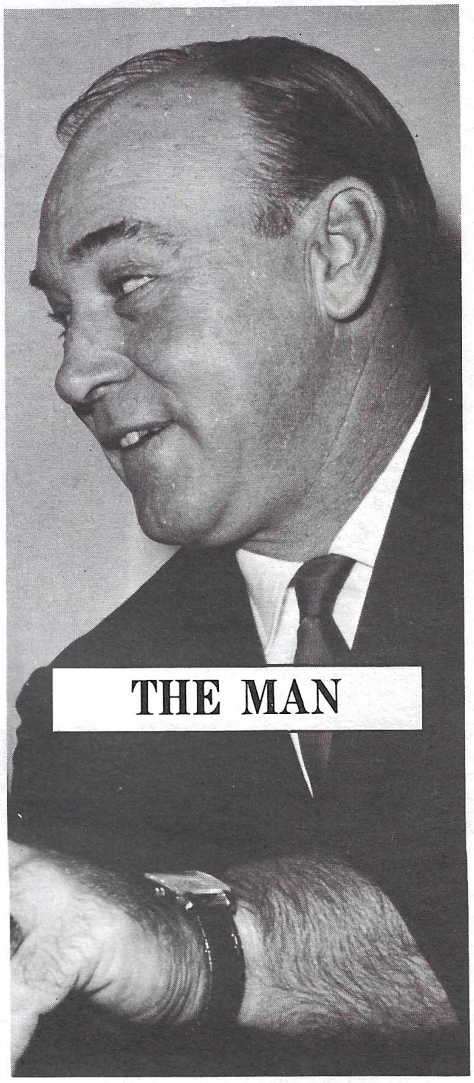
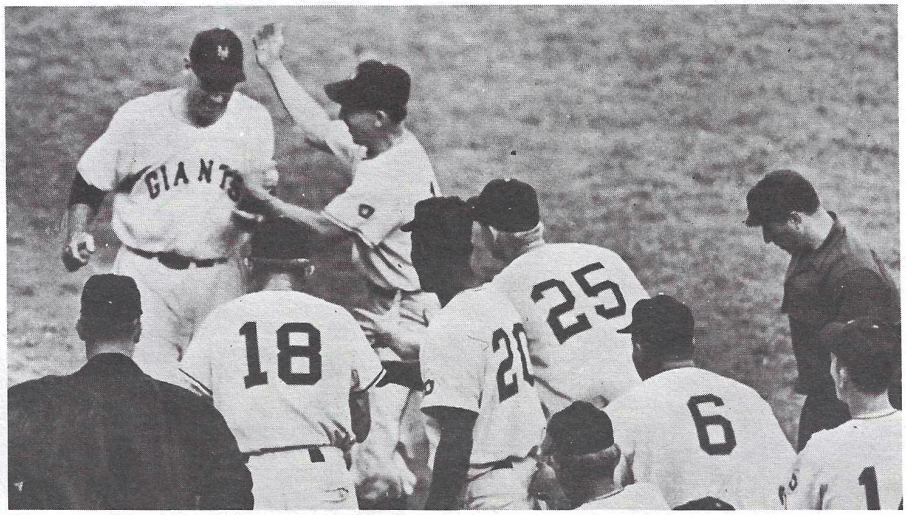


THE MAN

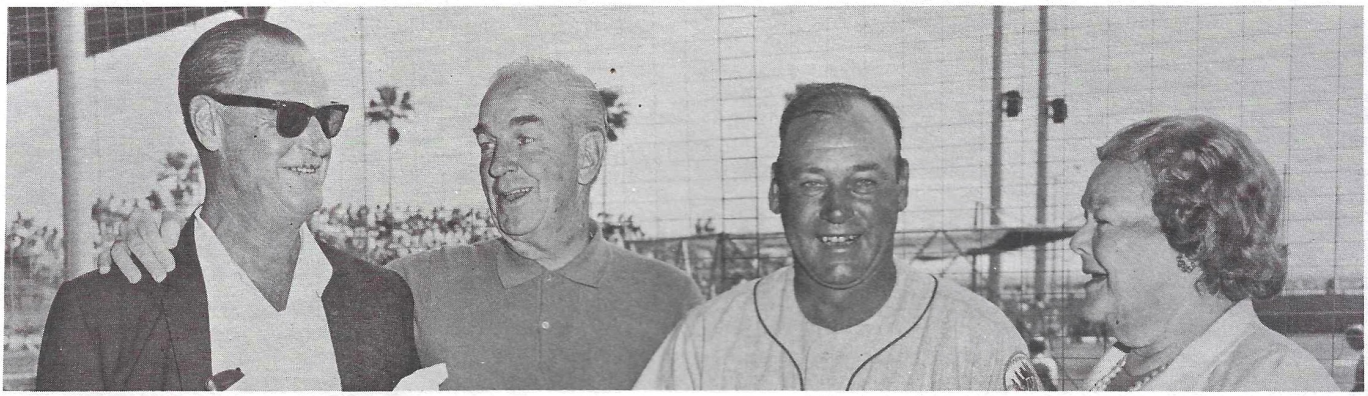
THE PLAYER... and memories of a miracle

1951 Miracle Men: Wes and Mays



Ninth inning home run heroics that ran "Miracle" streak to 13 in row.

INTERIM MANAGER OF THE METS



Charles Shipman Payson, board chairman M. Donald Grant and Mrs. Joan Payson on hand for victorious exhibition opener.

Commissioner Eckert (right) visits Press Room

Talented trio: Berra and Westrum with Hall of Famer Stengel

Wes accepts writers' award for stricken Stengel

BORN: Nov. 28, 1922, Clearbrook, Minn. HT: 5-11; WT: 200;
RESIDENCE: Phoenix, Ariz. Former catcher.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1940-Crookston	56	171	20	47	4	0	3	23	.275
1941-Minneapolis	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1941-Eau Claire	98	349	69	115	32	4	7	70	.330
1942-Minneapolis	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1942-Little Rock	45	104	14	21	4	1	0	6	.202
1943-44-45-Minneapolis					(In Military Service)				
1946-Jacksonville	103	327	57	90	14	3	8	56	.275
1947-Minneapolis	134	398	85	117	24	3	22	87	.294
1947-New York NL.	6	12	1	5	1	0	0	2	.417
1948-New York NL.	66	125	14	20	3	1	4	16	.160
1949-Jersey City	51	169	38	52	10	2	15	59	.308
1949-New York NL.	64	169	23	41	4	1	7	28	.243
1950-New York NL.	140	437	68	103	13	3	23	71	.236
1951-New York NL.	124	361	59	79	12	0	20	70	.219
1952-New York NL.	114	322	47	71	11	0	14	43	.220
1953-New York NL.	107	290	40	65	5	0	12	30	.224
1954-New York NL.	98	246	25	46	3	1	8	27	.187
1955-New York NL.	69	137	11	29	1	0	4	18	.212
1956-New York NL.	68	132	10	29	5	2	3	8	.220
1957-New York NL.	63	91	4	15	1	0	1	2	.165
Major League Totals	919	2322	302	503	59	8	96	315	.217

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1951-New York NL.	6	17	1	4	1	0	0	0	.235
1954-New York NL.	4	11	0	3	0	0	0	3	.273
World Series Totals	10	28	1	7	1	0	0	3	.250

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

1952-National (Selected; did not play)
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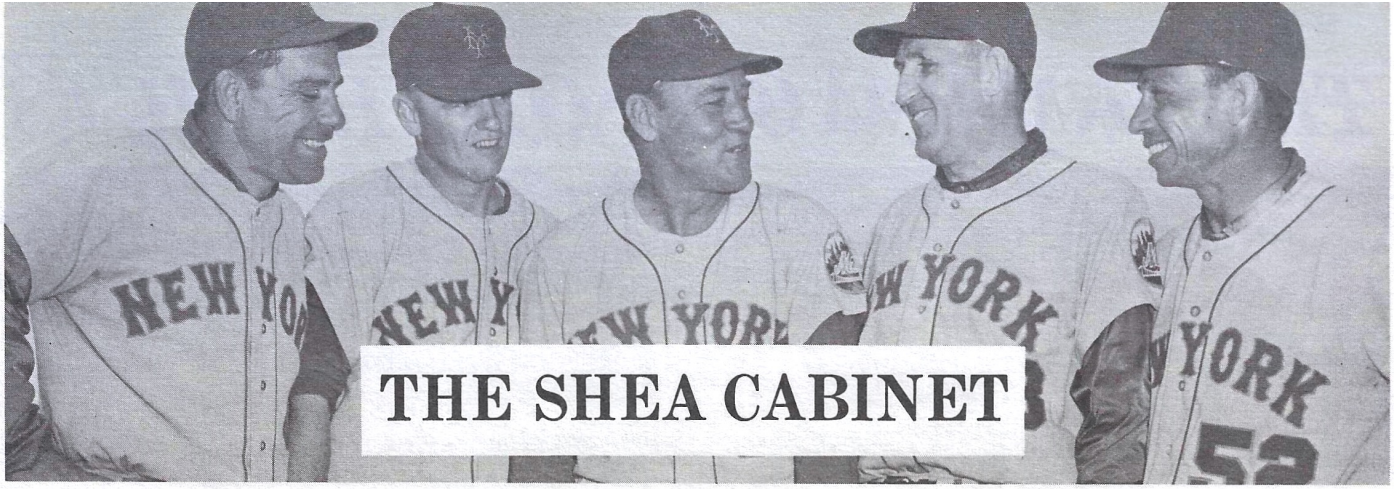
Coach, San Francisco Giants, 1958-63
Coach, Mets, 1964-65
Interim Manager, Mets, July 25, 1965
Manager, Mets, 1966



THE SHEA CABINET

Manager Wes Westrum and his coaching staff: Yogi Berra, Whitey Herzog, the skipper, Sheriff Robinson and Harvey Haddix.

BERRA, Lawrence Peter "Yogi"

BORN: May 12, 1925, St. Louis, Mo. HT: 5-8; WT: 191;
RESIDENCE: Montclair, N. J. Former catcher.

Second season as Mets' coach . . . Appeared in four games as player —two behind plate and two as pinch-hitter—before announcing retirement as active player May 12 and working exclusively as coach.

Three-time American League Most Valuable Player (1951-54-55) during 18-year career with New York Yankees (1946-63) . . . Named to AL All-Star team 14 times . . . His 2,116 games with Yankees second only to Lou Gehrig's 2,164 . . . Hit more homers (313) than any other catcher in baseball history. Also had 45 while playing outfield . . . Shares AL record with Gus Triandos for most homers in one season by catcher (30).

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1943-Norfolk	111	376	52	95	17	8	7	56	.253
1944-45-Kansas City .			(In Military Service)						
1946-Newark	77	277	41	87	14	1	15	59	.314
1946-New York AL...	7	22	3	8	1	0	2	4	.364
1947-New York AL...	83	293	41	82	15	3	11	54	.280
1948-New York AL...	125	469	70	143	24	10	14	98	.305
1948-New York AL...	116	415	59	115	20	2	20	91	.277
1950-New York AL...	151	597	116	192	30	6	28	124	.322
1951-New York AL...	141	547	92	161	19	4	27	88	.294
1952-New York AL...	142	534	97	146	17	1	30	98	.273
1953-New York AL...	137	503	80	149	23	5	27	108	.296
1954-New York AL...	151	584	88	179	28	6	22	125	.307
1955-New York AL...	147	541	84	147	20	3	27	108	.272
1956-New York AL...	140	521	93	155	29	2	30	105	.298
1957-New York AL...	134	482	74	121	14	2	24	82	.251
1958-New York AL...	122	433	60	115	17	3	22	90	.266
1959-New York AL...	131	472	64	134	25	1	19	69	.284
1960-New York AL...	120	359	46	99	14	1	15	62	.276
1961-New York AL...	119	395	62	107	11	0	22	61	.271
1962-New York AL...	86	232	25	52	8	0	10	35	.224
1963-New York AL...	64	147	20	43	6	0	8	28	.293
1965-Mets	4	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	.222
Major League Totals.	2120	7555	1175	2150	321	49	358	1430	.285

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1947-New York AL.....	6	19	2	3	0	0	1	2	.158
1949-New York AL.....	4	16	2	1	0	0	0	1	.063
1950-New York AL.....	4	15	2	3	0	0	1	2	.200
1951-New York AL.....	6	23	4	6	1	0	0	0	.261
1952-New York AL.....	7	28	2	6	1	0	2	3	.214
1953-New York AL.....	6	21	3	9	1	0	1	4	.429
1955-New York AL.....	7	24	5	10	1	0	1	2	.417
1956-New York AL.....	7	25	5	9	2	0	3	10	.360
1957-New York AL.....	7	25	5	8	1	0	1	2	.320
1958-New York AL.....	7	27	3	6	3	0	0	2	.222
1960-New York AL.....	7	22	6	7	0	0	1	8	.318
1961-New York AL.....	4	11	2	3	0	0	1	3	.273
1962-New York AL.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
World Series Totals	74	258	41	71	10	0	12	39	.275

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1949-American	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1950-American	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1951-American	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	.250
1952-American	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1953-American	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1954-American	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	.500
1955-American	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	.167
1956-American	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1.000
1957-American	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	.333
1958-American	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1959-American (second game).....	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	.333
1960-American (both games)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1961-American (first game)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1962-American (second game)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
All-Star Game Totals	41	5	8	0	0	1	3	.195

RECORD AS MANAGER

YEAR CLUB LEAGUE	POS.	W	L
1964-New York American.....	1	99	63

Player-coach, Yankees, 1963.
Coach, Mets, 1965-66.

ROBINSON, Warren Grant "Sheriff"

BORN: Sept. 8, 1921, Cambridge, Md. HT: 6-2; WT: 185;
RESIDENCE: Cambridge. Former catcher.

In Mets' organization since 1963, when he managed Quincy (Ill.) farm club in Midwest League . . . Made major league coaching debut with Mets in '64 . . . Started '65 season as manager of International League farm team at Buffalo. After Wes Westrum was named interim manager, he was brought up to NY coaching staff . . . Works in bullpen.

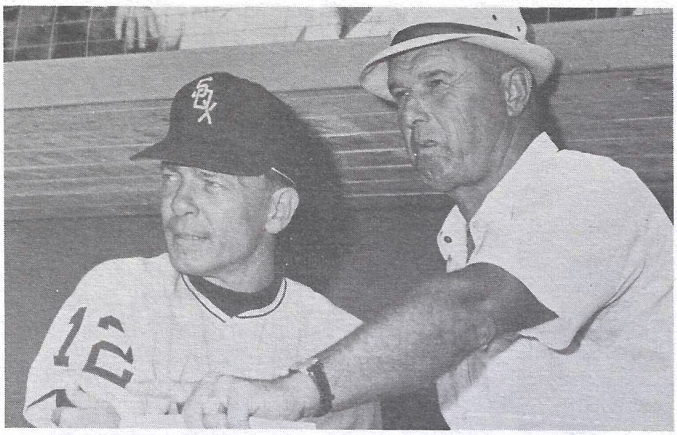
Minor league catcher from 1938-1953, he began managing career with Boston's Salisbury team in Tar Heel League in 1953 . . . In Red Sox system as manager until 1960 . . . Joined Yankee chain in 1961 as pilot at Amarillo and moved up to Richmond in '62 . . . Won pennant at Amarillo with team that included Jim Bouton, Phil Linz and Joe Pepitone.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1938-Williamson	35	128	21	25	1	4	4	20	.195
1939-Gastonia	24	81	10	21	5	0	2	24	.259
1939-Hamilton	58	213	32	49	5	6	3	26	.230
1940-Hamilton	99	401	58	125	22	8	7	65	.312
1941-Rochester	56	146	13	32	4	1	0	12	.219
1942-Rochester	98	302	32	77	9	2	3	36	.255
1943-1945		(In Military Service)							
1946-Rochester	15	40	6	10	2	0	0	2	.250
1947-Roch.-Balt.	57	163	14	28	5	0	7	22	.172
1948-Baltimore	98	266	20	59	8	4	5	24	.222
1949-Louisville	70	207	20	53	7	0	2	19	.256
1950-San Jose	77	233	46	71	19	2	7	65	.305
1951-Scranton	35	76	5	9	1	0	0	9	.118
1952-Roanoke	78	183	20	54	6	1	4	37	.295
1953-Salisbury	7	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	.077

RECORD AS MANAGER

YEAR CLUB	LEAGUE	POS.	W	L
1953-Salisbury	Tar Heel	8	44	67
1954-Corning	Pony	1	77	47
1955-San Jose	California	2	50	21
1956-Albany	Eastern	6	61	77
1957-Oklahoma City.	Texas	7	66	88
1958-Memphis	Southern	7	69	84
1959-Allentown	Eastern	2	82	59
1960-Allentown	Eastern	5	67	72
1961-Amarillo	Texas	1	90	50
1962-Richmond	International	7	59	95
1963-Quincy	Midwest	9	56	68
*1965-Buffalo	International	8	30	79

Coach, Mets, 1964-66.
*Called up as Mets coach, July 27, 1965; replaced by Kerby Farrell.



Mets' Director of Player Development Bob Scheffing (right) and his predecessor, Eddie Stanky, current White Sox manager, before Mets-Chisox exhibition.

HADDIX, Harvey

BORN: Sept. 18, 1925, Medway, Ohio. HT: 5-9; WT: 160;
RESIDENCE: South Vienna, Ohio. Former left-handed pitcher.

Named pitching coach last Dec. 29 after 14-year major league career with St. Louis, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Baltimore.

Will always be best remembered for pitching 12 perfect innings for Pirates against Milwaukee, May 26, 1959, only to lose, 1-0, in 13th. Joe Adcock hit apparent three-run homer following an error, sacrifice, and intentional walk in 13th but Adcock passed Hank Aaron on bases and had to settle for double.

Was winning pitcher in two games in 1960 Pirate World Series triumph over Yankees. Started and won fifth game, 5-2, and was pitcher of record in seventh game when Bill Mazeroski homered for 10-9 triumph.

One of best fielding pitchers in game, he won three Golden Glove awards (1958-59-60) in National League . . . Nicknamed "Kitten" because of physical likeness to Harry "The Cat" Brecheen.

Sold by Orioles to Braves last Sept. 1, but refused to report because he felt he was not physically fit to help Braves, who were in thick of pennant fight . . . Agreed to become pitching coach of Kansas City's Vancouver farm club during Winter, but was released from commitment when opportunity opened to join Mets' staff and remain in major leagues.

Works his own farm during off-season . . . Plays guitar as hobby.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1947-Winston-Salem ...	27	19-5	204	144	70	268	62	43	1.90
1948-Columbus	32	11-9	186	199	67	144	109	99	4.79
1949-Columbus	35	13-13	219	206	94	177	98	85	3.49
1950-Columbus	30	18-6	217	192	59	160	76	65	2.70
1951-St. Louis			In Military Service						
1952-St. Louis	7	2-2	42	31	10	31	18	13	2.79
1953-St. Louis	36	20-9	253	220	69	163	97	86	3.06
1954-St. Louis	43	18-13	260	247	77	184	114	103	3.57
1955-St. Louis	37	12-16	208	216	62	150	111	103	4.46
1956-St. Louis-Phila. ...	35	13-8	230	224	65	170	113	94	3.68
1957-Philadelphia	27	10-13	171	176	39	136	84	77	4.05
1958-Cincinnati	29	8-7	184	191	43	110	79	72	3.52
1959-Pittsburgh	31	12-12	224	189	49	149	88	78	3.13
1960-Pittsburgh	29	11-10	172	189	38	101	87	76	3.98
1961-Pittsburgh	29	10-6	156	159	41	99	72	71	4.10
1962-Pittsburgh	28	9-6	141	146	42	101	74	66	4.21
1963-Pittsburgh	49	3-4	70	67	20	70	27	26	3.34
1964-Baltimore	49	5-5	90	68	23	90	26	23	2.30
1965-Baltimore	24	3-2	34	31	23	21	22	13	3.44
Major League Totals ...	453	136-113	2235	2154	601	1575	1012	901	3.63

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1960-Pittsburgh	2	2-0	7⅓	6	2	6	2	2	2.45

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1955-National	0-0	3	3	0	2	1	1	3.00

Coach, Mets, 1966

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HERZOG, Dorrel Norman "Whitey"

BORN: Nov. 9, 1931, New Athens, Ill. HT: 6-0; WT: 187;
RESIDENCE: Independence, Mo. Former first baseman-outfielder.

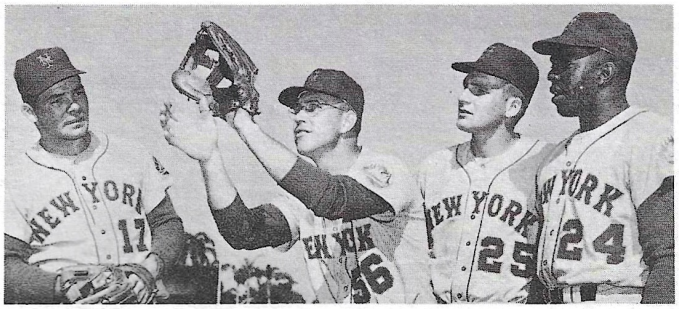
Named Mets third base coach, Nov. 30 . . . Played in American League with Washington, Kansas City, Baltimore and Detroit . . . Was scout for A's in 1964 and coach last season.

Began career in professional baseball with Yankees organization but was traded to Washington Apr., 1956 as part of deal which sent pitcher Mickey McDermott to New York . . . Sold to Kansas City, May 14, 1958, and traded to Baltimore, Jan. 24, 1961 . . . Ended playing career in 1963 with Tigers, who obtained him Nov., 1962, from Orioles.

Figured in signing of Arizona State star Rick Monday, who was No. 1 pick in baseball's first free agent draft last June.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1949-McAlester	96	398	53	111	19	7	0	31	.279
1950-McAlester	132	467	107	164	36	10	4	85	.351
1951-Norfolk	5	17	5	1	0	0	0	2	.059
1951-Joplin	113	418	99	119	14	8	7	48	.285
1952-Beaumont	35	121	11	24	4	1	0	9	.193
1952-Quincy	68	225	53	65	9	6	7	44	.289
1952-Kansas City	14	27	5	8	1	0	1	5	.296
1953-54		(In Military Service)							
1955-Denver	149	515	101	149	24	7	21	98	.287
1956-Washington	117	421	49	103	13	7	4	35	.245
1957-Washington	36	78	7	13	3	0	0	4	.167
1957-Miami	77	257	48	70	14	5	2	25	.272
1958-Wash.-K.C.	96	101	11	23	1	2	0	9	.228
1959-Kansas City ...	38	123	25	36	7	1	1	9	.293
1960-Kansas City ...	83	252	43	67	10	2	8	38	.266
1961-Baltimore	113	323	39	94	11	6	5	35	.291
1962-Baltimore	99	263	34	70	13	1	7	35	.266
1963-Detroit	52	53	5	8	2	1	0	7	.151
Major League Totals..	634	1614	213	414	60	20	25	172	.257

Coach, Kansas City Athletics, 1965.
Coach, Mets, 1966.



Ex-NL star Bill Virdon, illustrates outfield technique for Ron Swoboda, Al Yates and Johnny Lewis.

WES WESTRUM

Heir to a Living Legend

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Wes made it back to New York (where he broke in with the Giants) in 1964, a circumstance born of chance that was to lead to THE chance. During the Winter of '63 Stengel lieutenant Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto was stricken with a serious ailment. Cookie expressed a desire to return to his native Bay Area and consequently became part of an uncommon "coaching trade" that saw Lavagetto go to the Giants and Westrum replace him at Shea Stadium.

Wes virtually completed the coaching cycle for Stengel. He spent 1964 on the first base line, moved into the dugout with the Ol' Perfessor when Yogi Berra joined the staff in '65 and inherited the role of pitching coach after Warren Spahn's release during the All Star game interval.

Eleven days after Spahn's departure Westrum's meteoric Met rise was climaxed by his appointment as interim field commander when Casey suffered his heard-around-the-world hip fracture.

"Wes is the fella," muttered Stengel from his hospital bed when club president George M. Weiss visited him later that night of July 25 to ask him who was his selection as bench leader in the Old Man's absence.

Thus Wes made it to the top, like he's always made it: on quiet determination and performance.

There's a lot to remember looking back through the years . . . the $65 the town raised by passing the hat in Clearbrook the day he left for Crookston (Minn.) in the Northern League for a monthly salary of $75 . . . the World War II Greenhaven (N.Y.) Army disciplinary barracks, where he was a guard; coached the basketball team; played week-end semi-pro baseball and met Josephine Caccoma at a dance. After a three-month courtship she became Mrs. Wesley Westrum, and has since become the mother of two daughters: Barbara and Joann.

Then there was the September of 1947 that he put on his first major league uniform—for six games under Mel Ott—time enough to warrant a full-season look that paid off with 16 home runs in 66 games . . . the disillusion of 1949, when Leo Durocher sent him to Jersey City "because Walker Cooper is ahead of you" . . . the stick-to-it-iveness at JC as he became the first player in International League history to hit five grand slam home runs before being recalled after 51 games when Walker was dealt off.

There's a sidelight to that episode. Wes reported to the Giants in Cincinnati. The day before he had broken a finger ("I was a broken finger catcher all my life"), but withheld the information for fear it would negate his recall. The day he arrived in Cincinnati Durocher told him he was catching Larry Jansen. Wes 'fessed up to the fractured digit. "So what!" snickered Leo. "Rub it in some dirt, wrap adhesive tape around it and go to work!" Wes put on the pads and caught Jansen in a three-hit shutout.

The "Miracle of '51" has to have a special place in his heart. That was the year he hit 20 of his 96 career home runs . . . the year Horace Stoneham summoned him to his room in Pittsburgh with the Giants 13½ games out of first place and asked him to ignore a bruise that prevented him from gripping a bat, and resume catching . . . Wes went back to work two days later for the start of a home stand . . . and the start of the "Miracle" . . . he caught 16 straight games and the Giants won them all . . . He had to sit down with a raw hand for Game 17, and the streak came to an end . . . that was the year, too, that he hit two grand slammers against the Cardinals, a third against Pittsburgh, and two-run clouts against the Pirates, Dodgers and Cubs . . . Eddie Stanky labeled him "the most under-rated guy on the team."

He was scarcely under-rated by Casey Stengel almost a quarter of a century later, when Wesley Noreen Westrum became "The Heir to a Legend."

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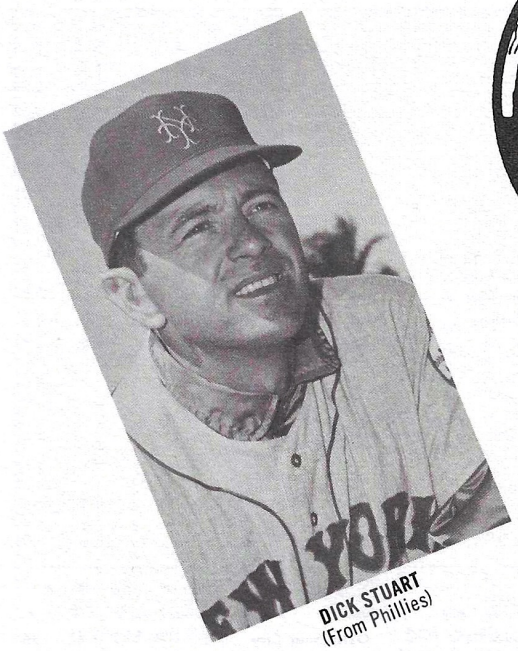

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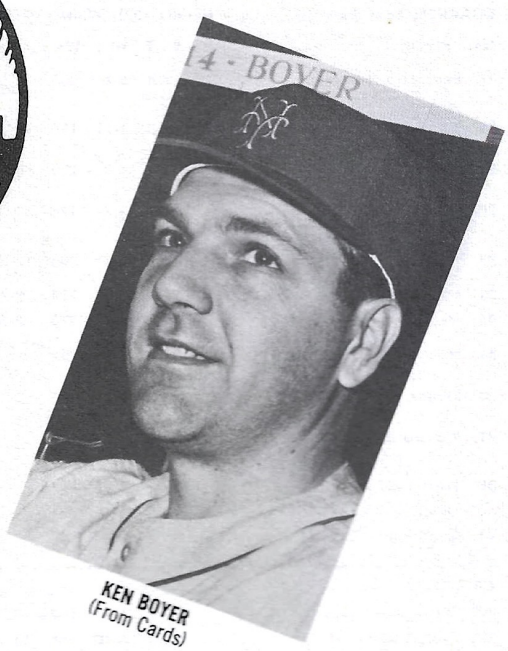

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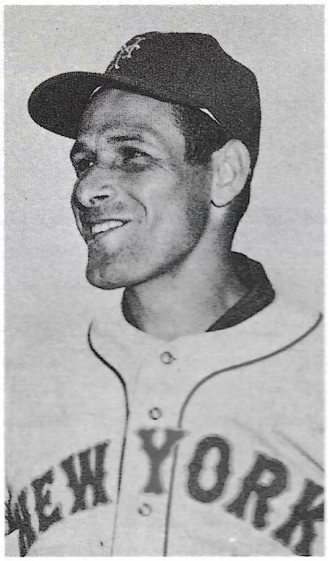

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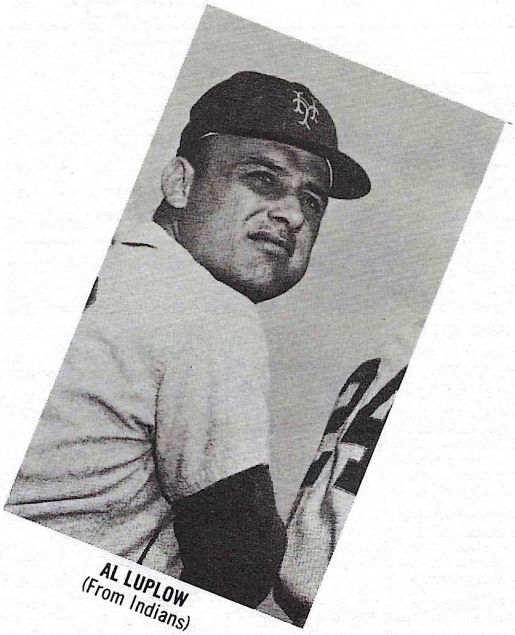

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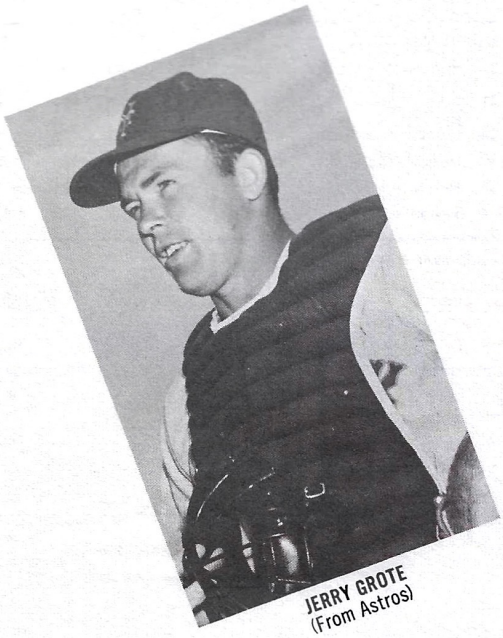

JERRY GROTE
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1966 NEW YORK METS ROSTER

(As of April 10)

MANAGER: Wes Westrum (9). **TEAM PHYSICIAN:** Dr. Peter LaMotte **TRAINER:** Gus Mauch **ASST. TRAINER:** Joe Deer

COACHES: Yogi Berra (8); Harvey Haddix (52); Whitey Herzog (54); Sheriff Robinson (53)

No.	PITCHERS	B	T	Ht.	Wt.	Date and Place of Birth		Residence	1965 Club	G	IP	W-L	ERA
31	Bearnarth, Larry	R	R	6-2	203	9-11-41	New York, N. Y.	Huntington, N. Y.	METS Buffalo	40 6	61 28	3-5 3-2	4.57 2.25
38	Eilers, Dave	R	R	5-11	190	12- 3-36	Oldenberg, Tex.	Carmine, Tex.	METS Milwaukee Atlanta	11 6 45	18 4 81	1-1 0-0 11-2	4.00 11.25 1.11
22	Fisher, Jack	R	R	6-2	212	3- 4-39	Frostburg, Md.	Timonium, Md.	METS	43	254	8-24	3.93
29	Gardner, Rob	R	L	6-2	175	12-19-44	Binghamton, N. Y.	Binghamton, N. Y.	METS Buffalo Williamsport	5 10 26	28 69 57	0-2 4-1 5-3	3.21 1.70 2.53
32	Hamilton, Jack	R	R	6-0	200	12-25-38	Burlington, Ia.	Morning Sun, Ia.	Detroit Syracuse	4 28	4 171	1-1 12-10	15.75 2.42
28	Hepler, Bill	L	L	6-0	160	9-25-45	Covington, Va.	Covington, Va.	Geneva	28	208	13-10	3.85
45	McGraw, Frank	R	L	6-0	170	8-30-44	Martinez, Cal.	Vallejo, Cal.	METS	37	98	2-7	3.31
34	Nischwitz, Ron	S	L	6-3	205	7- 1-39	Dayton, O.	Dayton, O.	Syracuse Detroit	10 20	30 23	2-2 1-0	1.50 2.74
30	Ribant, Dennis	R	R	5-11	175	9-20-41	Detroit, Mich.	Burlington, Ont.	METS Buffalo	19 21	35 109	1-3 3-12	3.86 3.88
41	Richardson, Gordon	R	L	6-0	185	7-19-39	Colquitt, Ga.	Colquitt, Ga.	METS Buffalo	35 30	52 87	2-2 2-8	3.81 3.31
39	Selma, Dick	S	R	5-11	165	11- 4-43	Santa Ana, Cal.	Fresno, Cal.	METS Buffalo Greenville	4 9 13	27 33 103	2-1 1-3 8-4	3.67 2.45 3.06
43	Sutherland, Darrell	R	R	6-4	180	11-14-41	Glendale, Cal.	Palo Alto, Cal.	METS Buffalo	18 30	48 124	3-1 8-8	2.81 3.99

	CATCHERS								1965 Club	G	H	HR	RBI	AVG.
20	Coleman, Clarence	L	R	5-9	160	8-25-37	Orlando, Fla.	Orlando, Fla.	Buffalo	54	37	6	19	.247
15	Grote, Jerry	R	R	5-10	185	10- 6-42	San Antonio, Tex.	San Antonio, Tex.	Oklahoma City	118	99	11	47	.265
12	Stephenson, John	L	R	5-11	185	4-13-41	S. Portsmouth, Ky.	Hattiesburg, Miss.	METS Buffalo	62 44	26 32	4 5	15 12	.215 .235

	INFIELDERS								1965 Club	G	H	HR	RBI	AVG.
17	Stuart, Dick	R	R	6-3	215	11- 7-32	San Francisco, Cal.	Greenwich, Conn.	Philadelphia	149	126	28	95	.234
14	Boyer, Ken	R	R	6-2	200	5-20-31	Liberty, Mo.	St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis	144	139	13	75	.260
1	Bressoud, Ed	R	R	6-1	175	5- 2-32	Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Altos, Cal.	Boston	106	67	8	25	.226
2	Hiller, Chuck	L	R	5-10	170	10- 1-35	Johnsburg, Ill.	McHenry, Ill.	METS San Fran.	100 7	68 1	5 1	21 1	.238 .143
33	Hunt, Ron	R	R	5-10	170	2-23-41	St. Louis, Mo.	Overland, Mo.	METS	57	47	1	10	.240
6	Klimchock, Lou	L	R	5-11	180	10-15-39	Hostetter, Pa.	Loyalhanna, Pa.	Milwaukee Atlanta	34 29	3 26	0 2	3 13	.077 .265
7	Kranepool, Ed	L	L	6-3	208	11- 8-44	Bronx, N. Y.	White Plains, N. Y.	METS	153	133	10	53	.253
11	McMillan, Roy	R	R	5-11	165	7-17-30	Bonham, Tex.	Bonham, Tex.	METS	157	128	1	42	.242

	OUTFIELDERS								1965 Club	G	H	HR	RBI	AVG.
27	Hickman, Jim	R	R	6-3	200	5-10-37	Henning, Tenn.	Henning, Tenn.	METS	141	87	15	40	.236
21	Jones, Cleon	R	L	6-0	190	8- 4-42	Plateau, Ala.	Mobile, Ala.	METS Buffalo	30 123	11 122	1 15	9 49	.149 .269
24	Lewis, John	L	R	6-1	189	8-10-39	Greenville, Ala.	New Rochelle, N. Y.	METS	148	117	15	45	.245
18	Luplow, Al	L	R	5-11	180	3-13-39	Zilwaukee, Mich.	Saginaw, Mich.	Cleveland	52	6	1	4	.133
23	Murphy, Bill	R	R	6-1	191	5- 7-44	Pineville, La.	Tacoma, Wash.	Binghamton	99	108	18	85	.291
4	Swoboda, Ron	R	R	6-2	195	6-30-44	Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore, Md.	METS	135	91	19	50	.228

Equipment Manager—Nick Torman

Head Groundskeeper—Johnny McCarthy

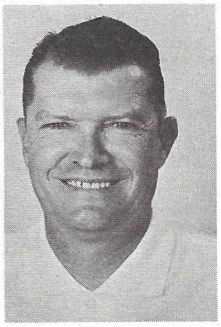
Trainer Gus Mauch and Dr. Peter LaMotte.

METS MEDICAL STAFF

DR. PETER LA MOTTE: Assistant attending surgeon, Orthopedics, at Roosevelt Hospital; has been the Mets' physician since the club's inception. An avid fisherman, tennis player and golfer. Participated in baseball and football during schoolboy days at Landon Prep, Bethesda, Md. Attended Trinity College, Hartford, and earned Medical Degree at George Washington U., Washington.

AUGUST R. (GUS) MAUCH: Before joining Mets in 1962 he earned national recognition as trainer of 11 pennant-winning Yankee teams. Former trainer for New York Football Giants, New York University and Manhattan College. A Brooklyn native, Gus attended Boys High and the American College of Naturopathy and Chiropractics in New York.

JOSEPH (JOE) DEER: Third year as assistant trainer. Ended 20-year Navy career in 1962, when he attended Gus Mauch's School in Florida. Got first pro baseball job in spring of 1963 with Baltimore's Elmira farm club and joined Mets in 1964.



Joe Deer

Touching The Bases Behind The Scenes At Shea

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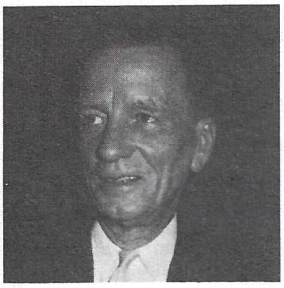

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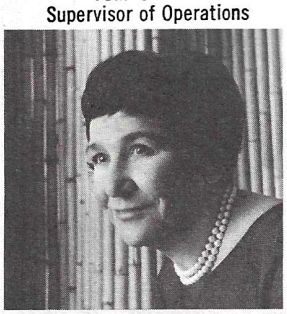

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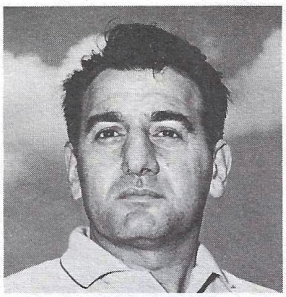

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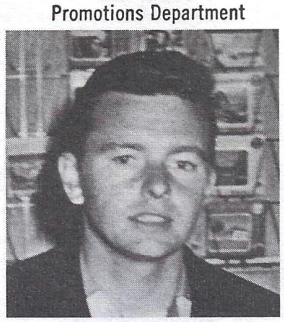

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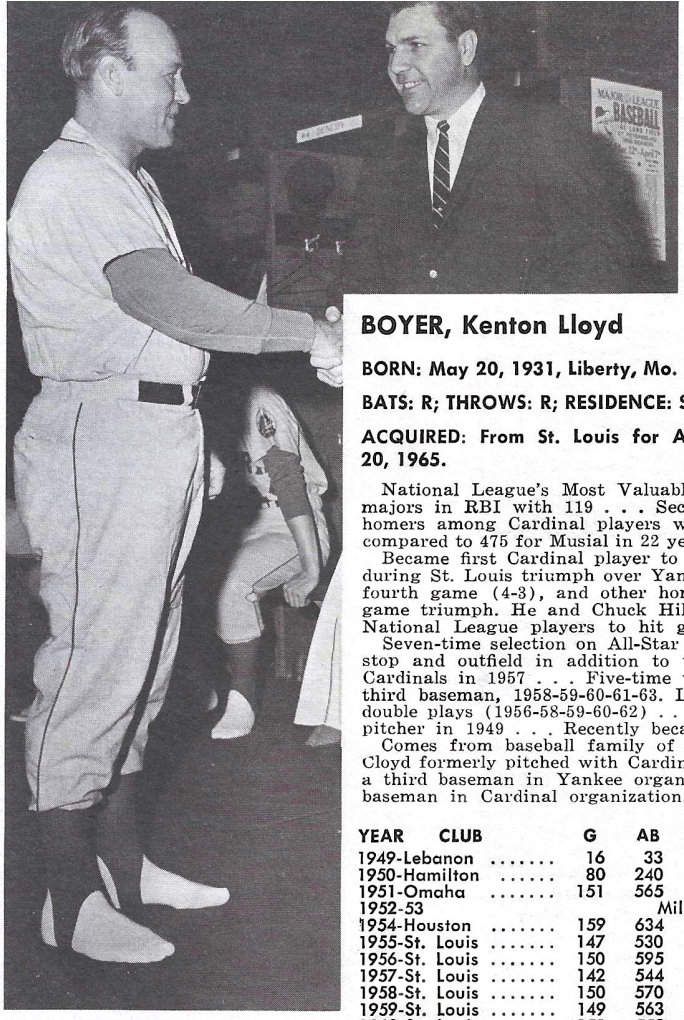
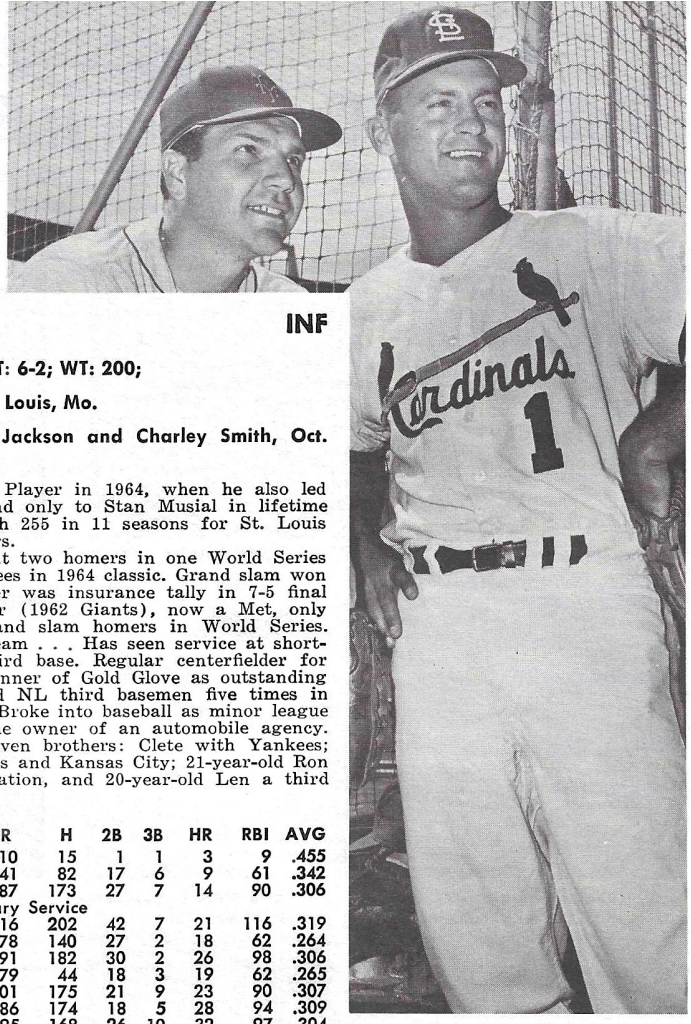


Manager Wes Westrum greets his new third baseman as Ken Boyer checks into St. Petersburg base.



Swapped third sackers Boyer and Charley Smith swap small talk about the big Met-Cardinal trade.

BOYER, Kenton Lloyd — INF

BORN: May 20, 1931, Liberty, Mo. HT: 6-2; WT: 200;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: St. Louis, Mo.

ACQUIRED: From St. Louis for Al Jackson and Charley Smith, Oct. 20, 1965.

National League's Most Valuable Player in 1964, when he also led majors in RBI with 119 . . . Second only to Stan Musial in lifetime homers among Cardinal players with 255 in 11 seasons for St. Louis compared to 475 for Musial in 22 years.

Became first Cardinal player to hit two homers in one World Series during St. Louis triumph over Yankees in 1964 classic. Grand slam won fourth game (4-3), and other homer was insurance tally in 7-5 final game triumph. He and Chuck Hiller (1962 Giants), now a Met, only National League players to hit grand slam homers in World Series.

Seven-time selection on All-Star team . . . Has seen service at shortstop and outfield in addition to third base. Regular centerfielder for Cardinals in 1957 . . . Five-time winner of Gold Glove as outstanding third baseman, 1958-59-60-61-63. Led NL third basemen five times in double plays (1956-58-59-60-62) . . . Broke into baseball as minor league pitcher in 1949 . . . Recently became owner of an automobile agency.

Comes from baseball family of seven brothers: Clete with Yankees; Cloyd formerly pitched with Cardinals and Kansas City; 21-year-old Ron a third baseman in Yankee organization, and 20-year-old Len a third baseman in Cardinal organization.

YEAR	CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1949	Lebanon	16	33	10	15	1	1	3	9	.455
1950	Hamilton	80	240	41	82	17	6	9	61	.342
1951	Omaha	151	565	87	173	27	7	14	90	.306
1952-53	Military Service									
1954	Houston	159	634	116	202	42	7	21	116	.319
1955	St. Louis	147	530	78	140	27	2	18	62	.264
1956	St. Louis	150	595	91	182	30	2	26	98	.306
1957	St. Louis	142	544	79	44	18	3	19	62	.265
1958	St. Louis	150	570	101	175	21	9	23	90	.307
1959	St. Louis	149	563	86	174	18	5	28	94	.309
1960	St. Louis	151	552	95	168	26	10	32	97	.304
1961	St. Louis	153	589	109	194	26	11	24	95	.329
1962	St. Louis	160	611	92	178	27	5	24	98	.291
1963	St. Louis	159	617	86	176	28	2	24	111	.285
1964	St. Louis	162	628	100	185	30	10	24	119	.295
1965	St. Louis	144	535	71	139	18	2	13	75	.260
Major League Totals		1667	6434	988	1855	269	61	255	1001	.288

PITCHING RECORD

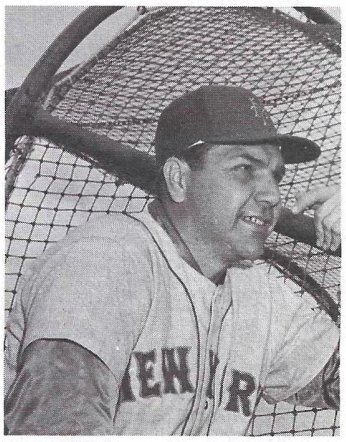
YEAR	CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1949	Lebanon	12	5-1	71	57	34	32	35	27	3.42
1950	Hamilton	21	6-8	121	117	71	43	76	59	4.39

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR	CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1964	St. Louis	7	27	5	6	1	0	2	6	.222

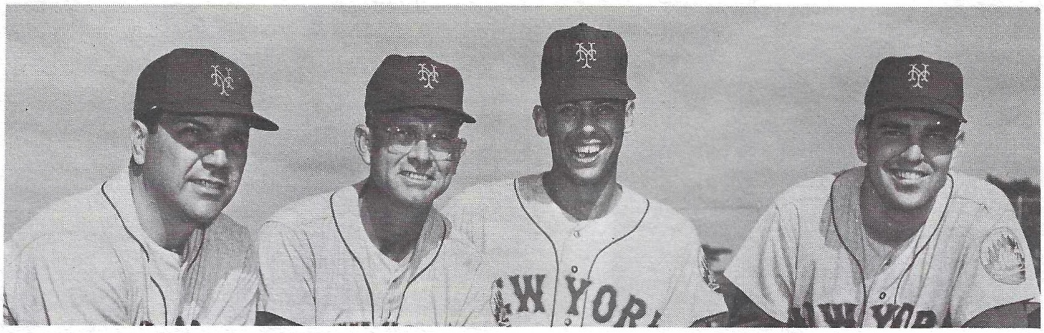
ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR	LEAGUE	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1956	National	5	1	3	0	0	0	1	.600
1959	National (both games)	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	.333
1960	National (both games)	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.000
1961	National (first game)	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1962	National (both games)	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	.200
1963	National	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1964	National	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	.500
All Star Totals		23	4	8	0	0	2	4	.348



Kenny waits his turn alongside the batting cage during camp drill

Ken shows Dr. Peter LaMotte spot of injury by kick from a horse.



Covering the infield for Shea: Boyer, Roy McMillan, Ron Hunt and Ed Kranepool.

McGRAW, Frank Edwin "Tug" LHP

BORN: Aug. 30, 1944, Martinez, Cal. HT: 6-0; WT: 170;

BATS: R; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Vallejo, Cal.

ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Roy Partee, June 12, 1964.

A first year player in 1965 . . . Now regarded as Staff's No. 1 lefthander although he didn't get first starting opportunity until July 28 . . . Brought along gradually under Casey Stengel and moved into starting rotation when Wes Westrum became interim manager . . . Reported to Mets this year latter part of March after Marine hitch . . . Credits leatherneck experience with helping him "attain maturity and positive approach" . . . Joined Marines last Sept. 23, after pitching in Pittsburgh previous night.

Gained first major league win on Aug. 22 with 4-2 complete game over Cardinals . . . Four days later scored 5-2 decision over Sandy Koufax that represents only Met triumph over great Dodger lefthander . . . In next three starts he allowed four earned runs and nine hits in 23 innings.

YEAR	CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1964	Cocoa	8	5-2	47	12	37	52	11	8	1.53
1964	Auburn	3	1-2	19	17	15	14	12	4	1.89
1965	Mets	37	2-7	98	88	48	57	47	36	3.31

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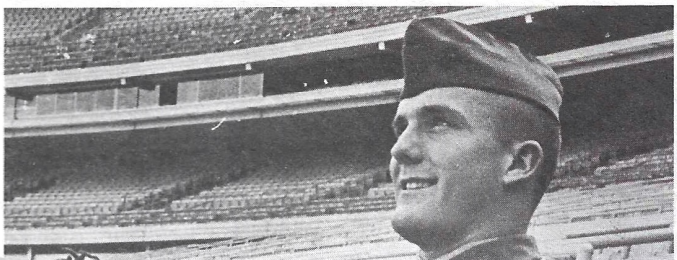
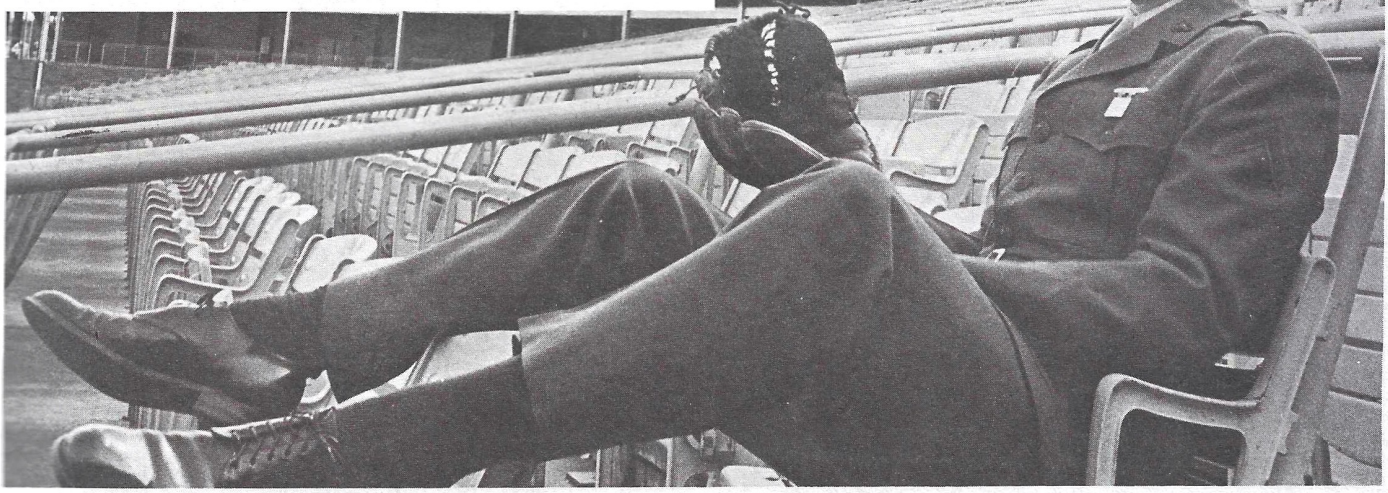
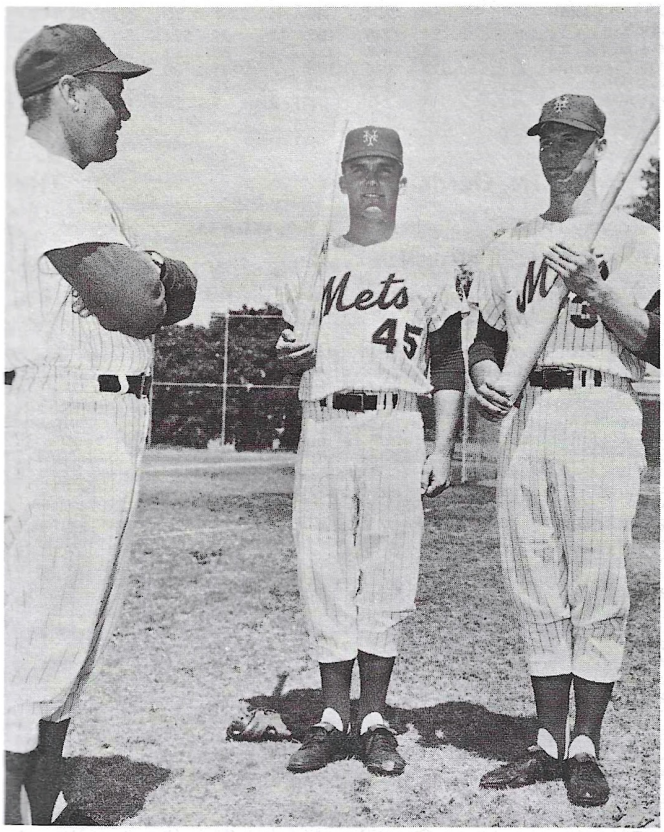
Pfc Tug McGraw keeping his eye on the ball in Winter visit to Shea.







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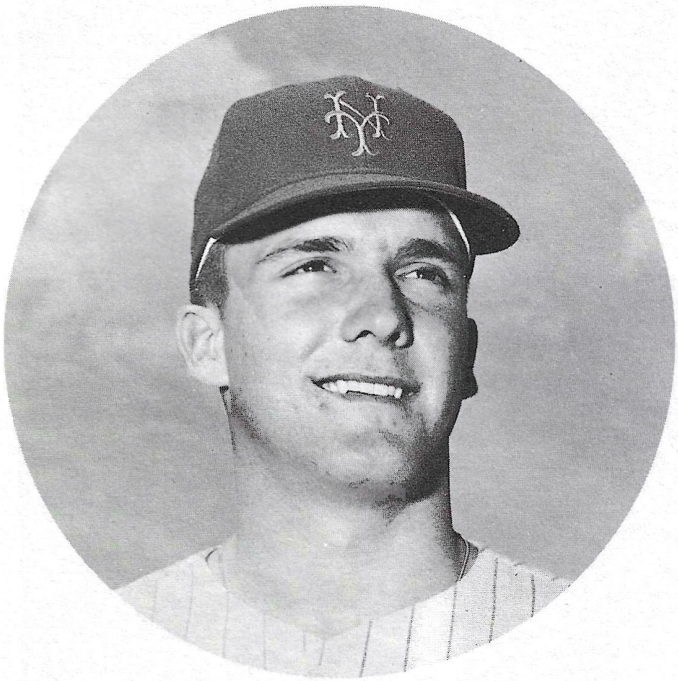
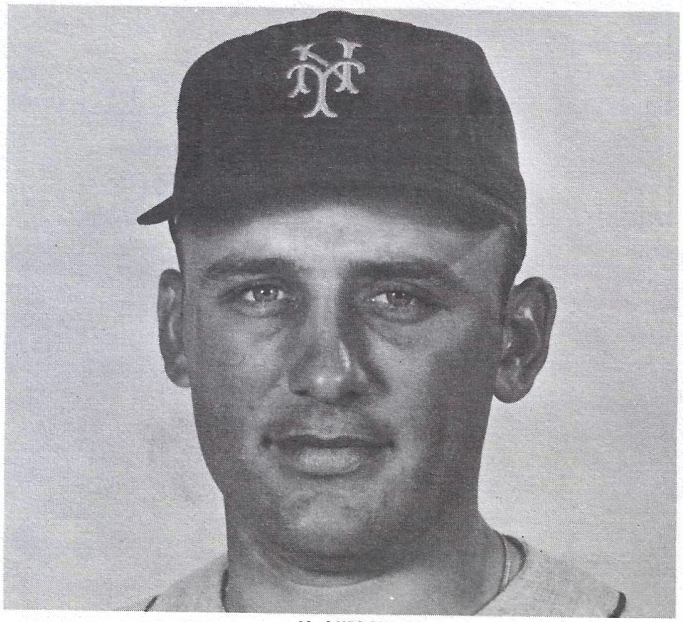


MET ALL-STAR GAME SELECTIONS

1962—Richie Ashburn
1963—Duke Snider
1964—Ron Hunt*
1965—Ed Kranepool

Starter selected by players.



AL LUPLOW

LUPLOW, Alvin David — OF

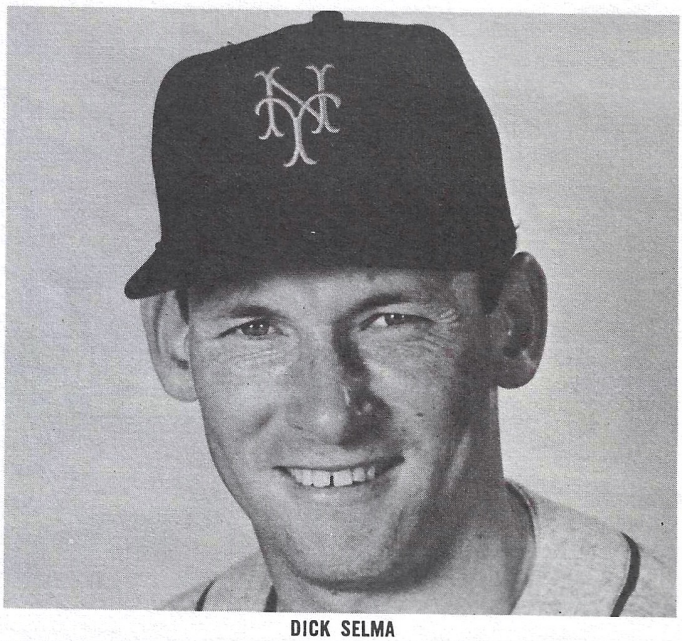
BORN: Mar. 13, 1939, Zilwaukee, Mich. HT: 5-11; WT: 180;
BATS: L; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Saginaw, Mich.
ACQUIRED: Purchased from Cleveland, Nov. 29, 1965.

Limited to pinch-hitting duty with Cleveland last season, with only 45 at-bats in 52 games . . . Had best major league season as a rookie in 1962 when he hit .277, with 14 homers, while platooning against right-handed pitching . . . Mets first became interested in him in Winter of 1964 when Yogi Berra recommended him after joining club.

Played in same Michigan State backfield with All-America quarterback Dean Look and Herb Adderly, now of Green Bay Packers, as a sophomore in 1959 . . . Signed to a bonus contract off campus by farm director Hoot Evers, who was scouting Look, a pitcher and second baseman . . . Scored touchdown first time he carried ball in college. It came against Southern California in a 4th down and 4 yards to go situation, and was the only TD of his brief collegiate career . . . Other Michigan State teammates included Mickey Walker, Giants; Sam Williams, Lions; Fran O'Brien, Redskins; Palmer Pyle, Bears, and Fred Arbanis, Kansas City.

Partner in wholesale pizza business . . . Also an insurance agent.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1959-Batavia	71	235	42	71	11	2	11	53	.302
1960-Reading	84	276	45	81	14	5	4	51	.293
1960-Mobile	43	131	22	34	8	0	2	25	.260
1961-Salt Lake	152	596	90	180	18	16	17	91	.302
1961-Cleveland	5	18	0	1	0	0	0	0	.056
1962-Cleveland	97	318	54	88	15	3	14	45	.277
1963-Cleveland	100	295	34	69	6	2	7	27	.234
1964-Cleveland	19	18	1	2	0	0	0	1	.111
1964-Portland	77	249	36	64	14	0	12	42	.257
1965-Cleveland	52	45	3	6	2	0	1	4	.133
Major League Totals..	273	694	92	166	23	5	22	77	.239



DICK SELMA

SELMA, Richard Jay "Dick" — RHP

BORN: Nov. 4, 1943, Santa Ana, Cal. HT: 5-11; WT: 165;

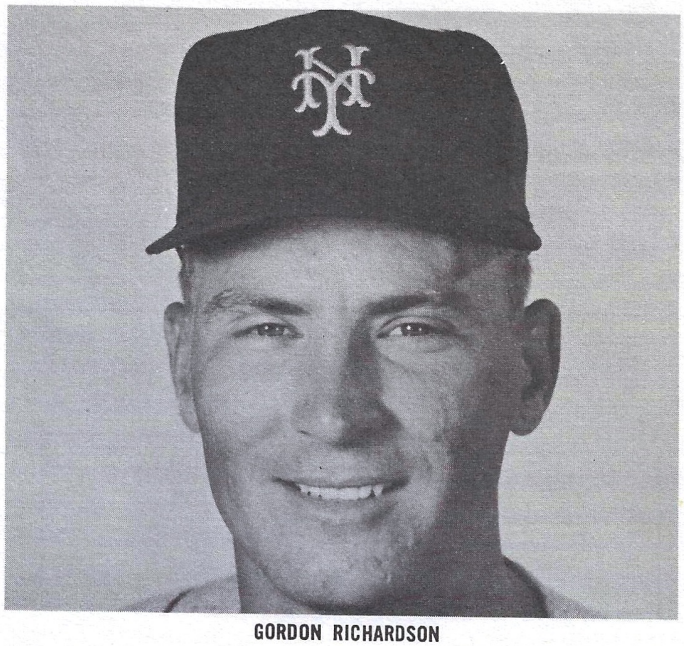
BATS: SW; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Fresno, Cal.

ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Al Lyons, May 28, 1963.

Recalled from Buffalo Sept. 2, he broke into majors next night with 6-3 victory over Cardinals in St. Louis . . . Set club strikeout record of 13 in 10-inning, 1-0 decision over Braves, that marked first appearance at Shea Stadium . . . Had 10 strikeouts in losing effort against Pirates final week of season . . . Divided minor league season between Greenville and Buffalo before joining Mets.

All city selection for two years at Fresno H.S., the same school which produced Jim Maloney and Dick Ellsworth . . . Led California League in strikeouts with Salinas in 1963 although he didn't join club until June . . . Attended Fresno City College where he was a member of two state championship teams.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1963-Salinas	27	12-6	185	136	98	224	61	52	2.53
1964-Buffalo	36	9-8	131	126	63	103	81	68	4.67
1965-Greenville	13	8-4	103	79	31	128	48	35	3.06
1965-Buffalo	9	1-3	33	23	18	36	15	9	2.45
1965-Mets	4	2-1	27	22	9	26	11	11	3.67



GORDON RICHARDSON

RICHARDSON, Gordon — LHP

BORN: July 19, 1939, Colquitt, Ga. HT: 6-0; WT: 185;

BATS: R; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Colquitt.

ACQUIRED: From St. Louis with Johnny Lewis for Tracy Stallard, Dec. 8, 1964.

No. 1 lefthanded reliever in 1965 after being brought up from Buffalo, July 9 . . . All 35 Mets appearances in relief.

Longest appearance: 6-2/3 innings against Dodgers on Aug. 25 when he received credit for 7-5 Met victory . . . Other win (also 7-5) against former teammates, Cardinals, Aug. 22.

Key addition to Cardinal staff in closing months of 1964 season in drive to National League pennant . . . Pitched five-hitter in defeating the then-first place Phillies late in season . . . Earlier that season had five complete games in nine starts for Jacksonville.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1957-Wytheville	14	5-5	70	62	26	62	37	29	3.73
1957-Albany, Ga.	3	0-1	13	12	11	10	15	8	5.54
1958-Albany, Ga.	21	13-4	120	111	58	93	54	39	2.93
1958-Houston	2	0-1	1	1	4	1	4	4	36.00
1959-Winston-Salem	30	11-8	157	144	77	126	74	66	3.78
1960-Tulsa	32	8-7	140	141	89	65	88	70	4.50
1961-Tulsa	40	10-8	165	163	78	114	83	62	3.38
1962-Tulsa	36	13-6	198	194	57	153	86	70	3.18
1963-Tulsa	31	12-8	187	192	57	171	92	80	3.85
1964-Jacksonville	21	9-3	116	90	29	77	31	20	1.55
1964-St. Louis	19	4-2	47	40	15	23	18	12	2.30
1965-Buffalo	30	2-8	87	82	29	78	36	32	3.31
1965-Mets	35	2-2	52	41	16	43	27	22	3.81
Major League Totals ...	54	6-4	99	81	31	71	45	34	3.09

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1964-St. Louis	2	0-0	1	3	2	0	3	3	27.00

HILLER, Charles Joseph — INF

BORN: Oct. 1, 1935, Johnsburg, Ill. HT: 5-11; WT: 170;

BATS: L; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: McHenry, Ill.

ACQUIRED: Purchased from San Francisco, May 12, 1965.

Acquired when injuries to Ron Hunt and Kevin Collins left club with manpower shortage in infield . . . Primarily second baseman but also saw service at third and left field.

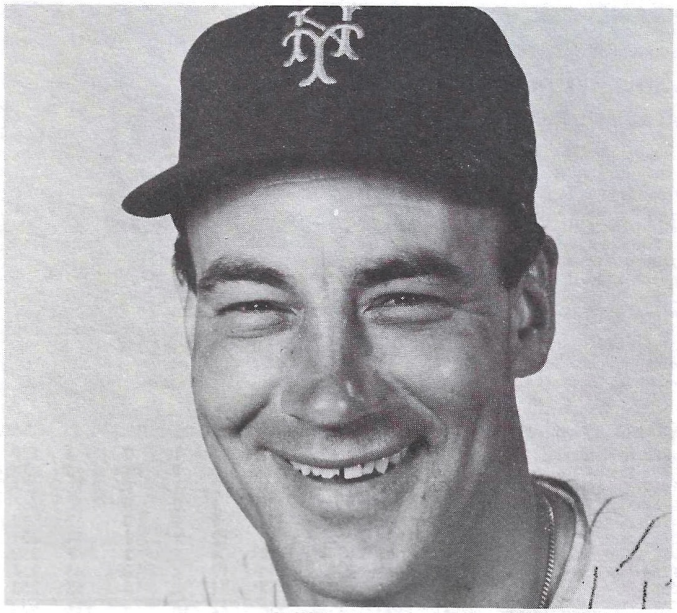
As member of Giants in 1962 world series against Yankees, he became first National League player to hit grand slam homer in series competition. Blow came off Marshall Bridges in seventh inning of fourth game and broke 2-2 tie, as Giants won, 7-3.

Had best day for Mets last June 28, with six hits in eight at-bats, to lead doubleheader sweep against Braves . . . Six homers last season equalled best HR production . . . Originally signed by Cleveland but went to Giants organization in draft . . . Graduate of St. Thomas College, St. Paul, with degree in business administration.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1957-Cocoa	133	505	99	148	21	9	11	51	.293
1958-Minot	120	455	89	128	23	12	8	58	.281
1959-Eugene	139	487	92	166	24	9	13	77	.341
1960-Harlingen	144	560	89	187	47	4	3	74	.334
1961-San Francicso	70	240	38	57	12	1	2	12	.238
1961-Tacoma	73	281	54	91	15	3	5	32	.324
1962-San Francisco	161	602	94	166	22	2	3	48	.276
1963-San Francicso	111	417	44	93	10	2	6	33	.223
1964-San Francisco	80	205	21	37	8	1	1	17	.180
1965-S.F.-Mets	107	293	25	69	11	1	6	22	.235
Major League Totals	529	1757	222	422	63	7	18	132	.240

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1962-San Francicso	7	26	4	7	3	0	1	5	.269



CHUCK HILLER

STEPHENSON, John Herman — C

BORN: Apr. 13, 1941, South Portsmouth, Ky. HT: 5-11; WT: 185;

BATS: L; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Hattiesburg, Miss.

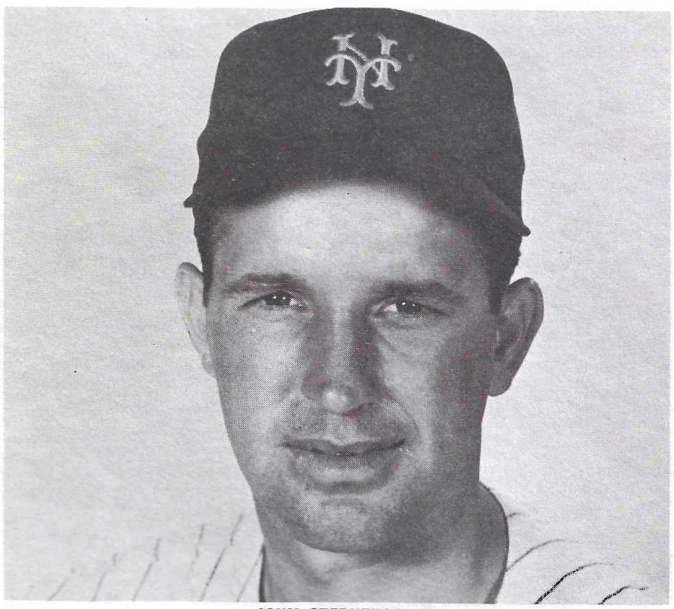
ACQUIRED: Signed by Farm director Wid Mathews, May 30, 1963.

Delivered three game-winning pinch hits for Mets after recall from Buffalo last June 17. Two came off Jack Baldschun and the third, a three-run double, gave Mets 4-3 triumph over Bob Miller of Dodgers.

Had biggest day against Cincinnati on Sept. 16 with two homers, a single and four RBI in 7-3 Met victory . . . Only left-handed receiver on roster . . . Can also fill in at third base and outfield.

Struck out as pinch-hitter for final out in Jim Bunning's perfect game against Mets in 1964 . . . Received Bachelor of Science degree from William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., in 1963 . . . Starred in baseball and basketball in college . . . Has served as assistant basketball coach at alma mater past three winters.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1963-Raleigh	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1963-Auburn	59	203	34	53	6	3	8	36	.261
1964-Mets	37	57	2	9	0	0	1	2	.158
1964-Buffalo	51	151	21	45	7	1	9	42	.298
1965-Buffalo	44	136	13	32	3	0	5	12	.235
1965-Mets	62	121	9	26	5	0	4	15	.215
Major League Totals	99	178	11	35	5	0	5	17	.197



JOHN STEPHENSON

GROTE, Gerald Wayne — C

BORN: Oct. 6, 1942, San Antonio, Tex. HT: 5-10; WT: 180;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: San Antonio.

ACQUIRED: From Oklahoma City for cash and player to be named later Oct. 19, 1965. Tom Parsons went to Houston Nov. 29, 1965 to complete deal.

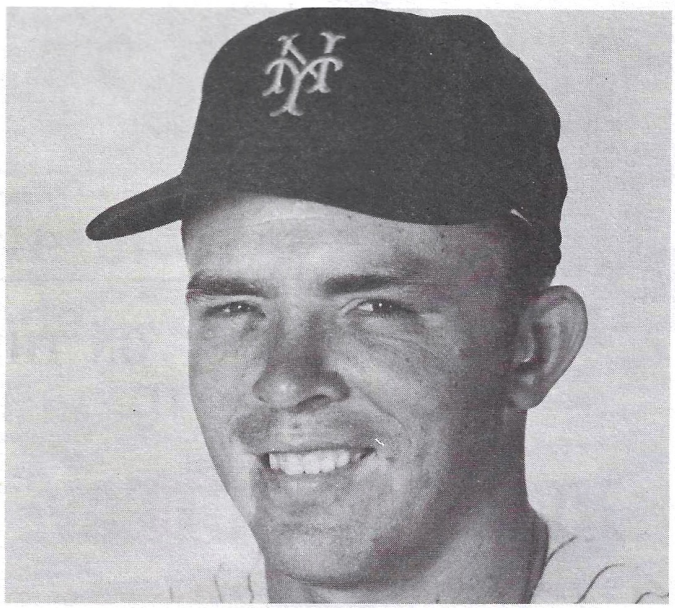
Former bonus player with Houston organization . . . A key figure on Oklahoma City's Pacific Coast League champions in 1965 . . . Played in 118 games, including emergency service at third base and outfield.

Signed off Trinity (Tex.) campus in 1962 by Red Murff, now a Met scout. A shortstop and track star at McArthur H.S. in San Antonio. Was state finalist in mile run as a senior and won city cross country championship in 1961.

Played for San Antonio of Texas League in 1963 and was named "Most promising player in Houston farm system." Houston's regular catcher in 1964 after only 14 months of organized ball . . . Standout defensively . . . Played in Venezuelan Winter League in 1964 and for Mets Florida Instructional League team in 1965 . . . Member of 1962 U.S. All-Stars in Hearst Sandlot Classic.

Works as photographic salesman in off-season.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1963-San Antonio	121	384	50	103	22	5	14	62	.268
1963-Houston	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	.200
1964-Houston	100	298	26	54	9	3	3	24	.181
1965-Oklahoma City	118	374	43	99	23	1	11	47	.265
Major League Totals	103	303	26	55	9	3	3	25	.182



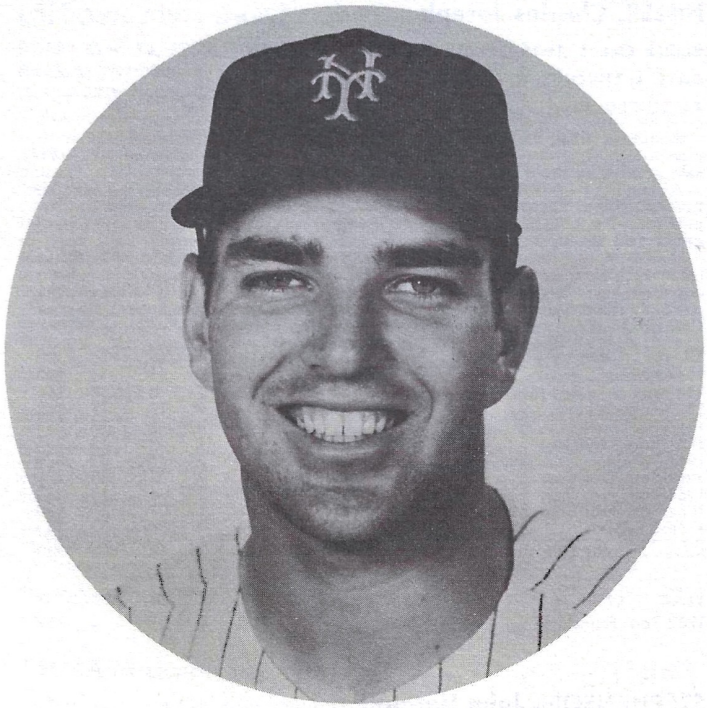
JERRY GROTE

KRANEPOOL, Edward Emil — INF-OF

BORN: Nov. 8, 1944, Bronx, N. Y. HT: 6-3; WT: 208;

BATS: L; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: White Plains, N. Y.

ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Bubber Jonnard, June 27, 1962.



Represented Mets on National League All-Star squad last season . . . Although only 21, Ed has played with the Mets in each of team's first four seasons. Led club in hits (133), doubles (24), triples (4) and had highest average among regulars (.253) . . . Was hitting .341 on June 9th, when he suffered a back injury and went hitless in next 31 trips.

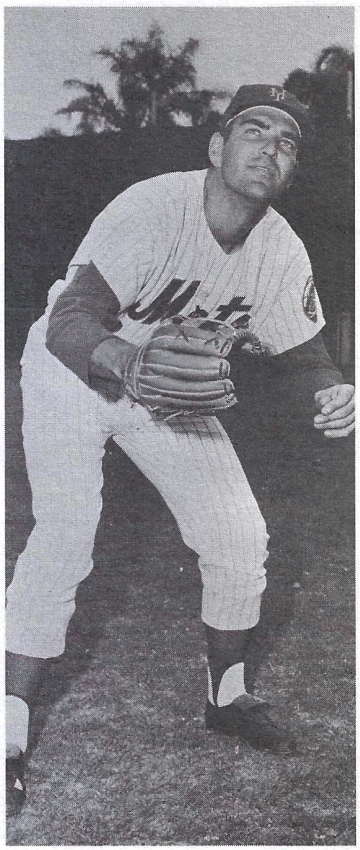
Signed to a bonus contract after standout high school career at James Monroe in Bronx, where he hit 21 homers in three seasons to break school record set by Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg . . . Played some outfield in addition to first base for Mets in 1963, but used thereafter at first base exclusively . . . After Mets acquired Dick Stuart, manager Westrum decided to shuttle Kranepool between left field and first base, with the intention of utilizing Ed in the outfield when Stuart played first base . . . During training season Kranepool experimented with 35-ounce bat, four ounces heavier than he used last year.

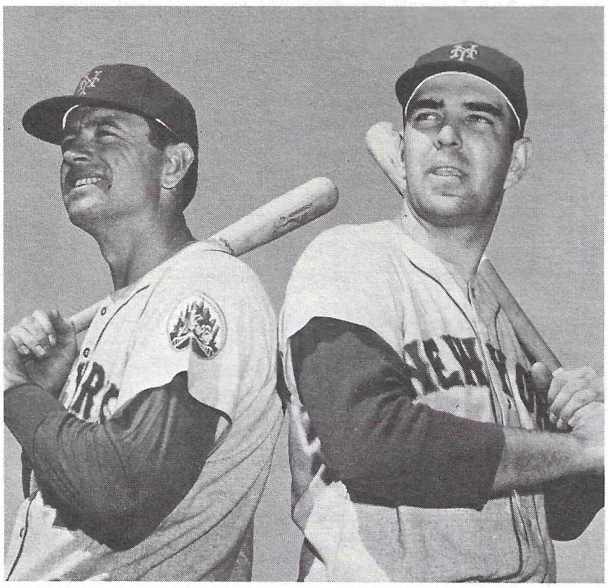
Obtained stock broker's license during winter.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1962-Syracuse	14	48	2	11	1	1	0	4	.229
1962-Knoxville	7	18	4	5	3	0	0	0	.278
1962-Auburn	20	77	23	27	2	1	1	18	.351
1962-Mets	3	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	.167
1963-Buffalo	53	203	28	63	9	8	5	33	.310
1963-Mets	86	273	22	57	12	2	2	14	.209
1964-Buffalo	15	54	7	19	4	1	3	7	.352
1964-Mets	119	420	47	108	19	4	10	45	.257
1965-Mets	153	525	44	133	24	4	10	53	.253
Major League Totals..	361	1224	113	299	56	10	23	112	.244

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

1965-National ..... (Selected; did not play)





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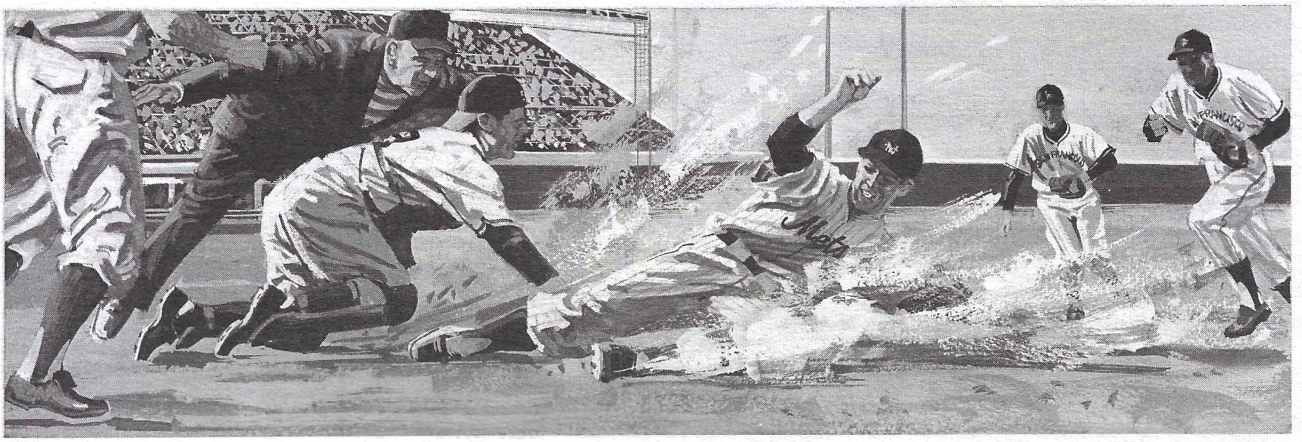

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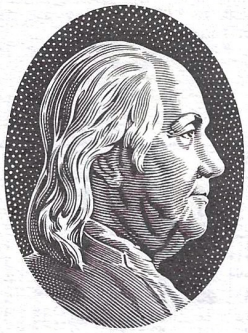

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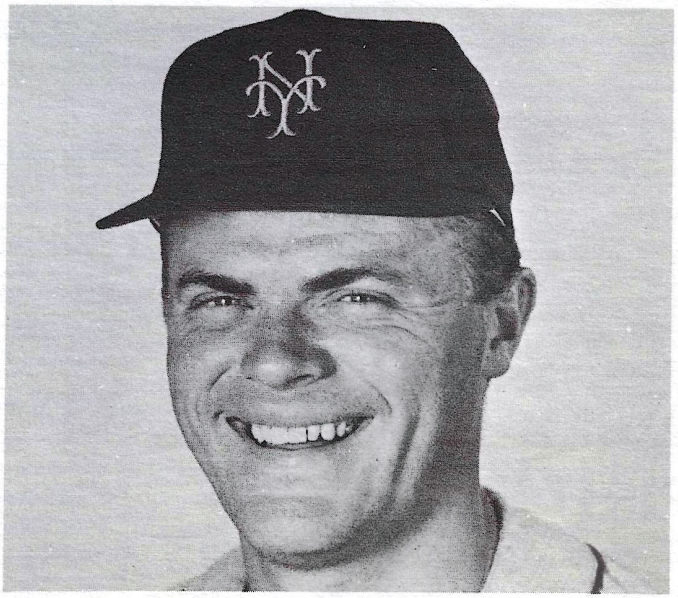


LARRY BEARNARTH

BEARNARTH, Lawrence Donald — RHP

BORN: Sept. 11, 1941, New York City, HT: 6-2; WT: 203;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Huntington Station, N. Y.

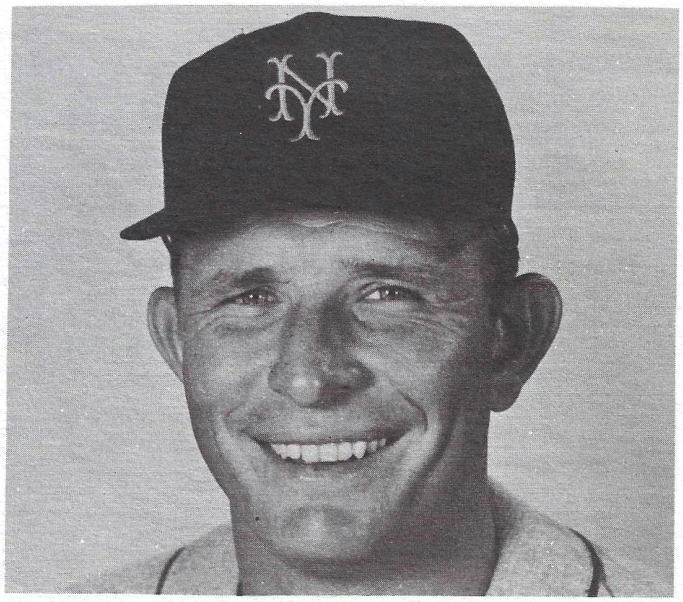
ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Bubber Jonnard, June 15, 1962.

Divided 1965 season between Mets and Buffalo . . . Sent to Bisons Aug. 7 . . . Recalled Sept. 2 after 3-2 record with 2.25 ERA at Buffalo . . . Had been Mets player representative before being sent out.

Used mainly in relief in three seasons with Mets, although his two appearances after recall from Buffalo were in starting roles . . . Pitched for Valencia in Venezuelan Winter League after 1965 season and had 6-2 record with 1.67 ERA, mostly as a starter. Vounteered to go to Venezuela "to work my way back into condition and give myself the best chance to win a regular job with the Mets."

Graduate of St. John's University with a B.A. in English . . . Pitched seven innings of shutout ball (from 8 to 14) in Mets' historic 23-inning game with Giants in 1964 . . . Only Met pitcher to win four straight games . . . Part owner of a day camp in Huntington, L. I.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1962-Syracuse	19	2-13	89	120	41	39	72	66	6.67
1963-Mets	58	3-8	126	127	47	48	61	48	3.43
1964-Mets	44	5-5	78	79	38	31	38	36	4.15
1965-Buffalo	6	3-2	28	23	11	20	10	7	2.25
1965-Mets	40	3-5	61	75	28	16	43	31	4.57
Major League Totals	142	11-18	265	281	113	95	142	115	3.91



DAVE EILERS

EILERS, David Louis — RHP

BORN: Dec. 3, 1936, Oldenberg, Tex. HT: 5-11; WT: 190;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Carmine, Tex.

ACQUIRED: Waivers from Milwaukee organization, Aug. 18, 1965.

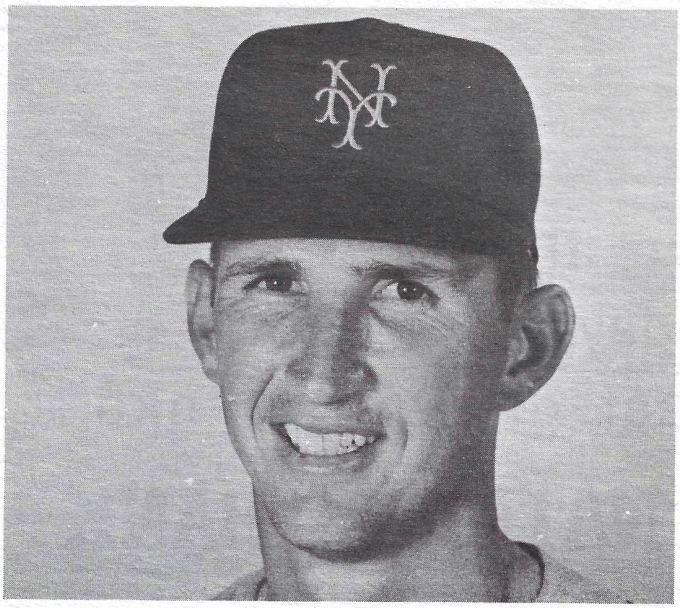
Obtained from Milwaukee organization (Atlanta) in mid-August and immediately made presence felt with "save" against Cardinals and win over Dodgers in first two appearances.

Oldest pitcher on roster . . . Reached 29th birthday Dec. 3.

In last three seasons in minors, strictly as a reliever, has appeared in 150 games with a 32-6 record. Starred for Atlanta last season with 11-2 mark and 1.11 ERA.

Outstanding control . . . Walked only 4 men in 28 National League innings last season and 14 in 81 innings with Atlanta . . . Ability to keep ball low makes him ideally suited for relief pitching.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1959-Midland	29	14-9	182	210	34	148	112	83	4.10
1960-Boise	44	15-8	190	188	54	176	94	73	3.46
1961-Yakima	36	10-4	132	128	48	96	56	45	3.07
1962-Eau Claire	36	11-9	154	140	50	116	74	63	3.68
1962-Austin	10	1-2	19	19	8	9	18	16	7.58
1963-Yakima	50	15-3	102	69	23	123	21	17	1.50
1964-Toronto	55	6-1	71	53	22	36	22	18	2.28
1964-Milwaukee	6	0-0	8	11	1	1	5	4	4.50
1965-Atlanta	45	11-2	81	62	14	39	15	10	1.11
1965-Milw.-Mets	17	1-1	22	28	4	10	16	13	5.32
Major League Totals	23	1-1	30	39	5	11	21	17	5.10



RON NISCHWITZ

NISCHWITZ, Ronald Lee — LHP

BORN: July 1, 1937, Dayton, O. HT: 6-3; WT: 205;

BATS: SW; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Dayton

Acquired by Jacksonville from Detroit's Syracuse farm club, Feb. 3, 1966, for catcher Jim Handley, who went from Williamsport to Tigers' Montgomery farm . . . Recommended by Player Development Director Bob Scheffing, Nischwitz immediately was invited to the Mets' camp and almost as quickly justified Scheffing's appraisal by showing a fast-balling, live arm.

Signed for reported $65,000 bonus by Tigers in 1958 after compiling 9-1 record with 1.78 ERA at Ohio State, and earning College All-America rating . . . Joined Tigers in 1961 and pitched most of '62 season with Detroit . . . Traded to Cleveland with pitcher Gordon Seyfried for infielder Bubba Phillips, Nov. 27, 1962 . . . Spent '63 season with Cleveland and Jacksonville, and '64 with Portland and Toronto . . . Sold to Syracuse after '64 season and re-purchased by Tigers, May 19, 1965, after two shutouts in three starts. Used in relief at Detroit.

Received Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Ohio State in 1961.

Year Club	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1958—Lancaster	24	11- 5	111	102	31	72	47	43	3.49
1959—Birmingham	14	6- 2	69	77	21	40	45	43	5.61
1959—Knoxville	17	6- 2	83	71	26	45	29	23	2.49
1960—Birmingham	34	14- 7	241	201	63	136	74	62	2.31
1961—Denver	28	11-10	182	206	44	73	84	72	3.56
1961—Detroit	6	0- 1	11	13	8	8	12	7	5.73
1962—Detroit	48	4- 5	65	73	26	28	30	28	3.88
1962—Denver	8	1- 1	14	11	3	14	2	2	1.29
1963—Jacksonville	28	1- 3	47	53	15	23	21	19	3.64
1963—Cleveland	14	0- 2	17	17	8	10	13	12	6.35
1964—Portland	7	1- 1	15	20	8	9	8	7	4.20
1964—Toronto	48	4- 7	91	92	30	66	40	38	3.76
1965—Syracuse	10	2- 2	30	21	6	13	8	5	1.50
1965—Detroit	20	1- 0	23	21	6	12	10	7	2.74
Major League Totals	88	5- 8	116	124	48	58	65	54	4.19

SUTHERLAND, Darrell Wayne — RHP

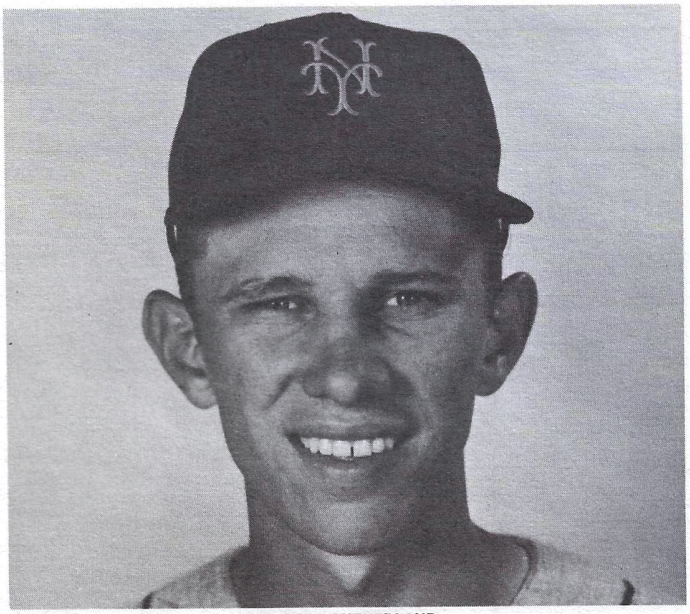
BORN: Nov. 14, 1941, Glendale, Cal. HT: 6-4; WT: 180;
BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Palo Alto, Cal.
ACQUIRED: First-year waivers for $8,000 from Phillies, April 6, 1964.

Emerged as club's No. 1 righthanded relief pitcher after recall from Buffalo last Aug. 7 . . . First major league triumph in Houston Aug. 14, after four hitless innings of relief, coincided with Mets first victory in Astrodome after seven successive setbacks . . . Other decisions came over Cubs and Pirates.

Had brief mid-season trial with Mets in 1964 after being obtained that April from Phillies on first-year waivers . . . Younger brother Gary an infielder on Phillies roster . . . Holds degree in Economics from Stanford University . . . Graduated in 1963 . . . Won three letters each in baseball and basketball at Stanford . . . Captain of basketball team as senior and honorable mention all-Pacific Coast.

Captain of baseball and basketball teams at Glendale H.S. . . . Scholastic all-America selection in basketball . . . Chosen for Hearst Sandlot Classic in 1959.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1963-Bakersfield	21	9-4	136	145	27	118	64	53	3.51
1964-Buffalo	18	10-1	117	120	37	56	48	43	3.31
1964-Mets	10	0-3	27	32	12	9	26	23	7.67
1965-Buffalo	30	8-8	124	124	42	69	64	55	3.99
1965-Mets	18	3-1	48	33	17	16	16	15	2.81
Major League Totals	28	3-4	75	65	29	25	42	38	4.56



DARRELL SUTHERLAND

BOWMAN, Ernest Ferrell — INF

BORN: July 28, 1937, Johnson City, Tenn. HT: 5-10; WT: 165;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Johnson City.

ACQUIRED: From Buffalo Oct. 22, 1965. Went to Buffalo with Lou Klimchock from Atlanta as completion of deal which sent Billy Cowan from Buffalo to Milwaukee, Aug. 10, 1965.

International League All-Star shortstop last season with Atlanta . . . Began pro career in 1956 in Giants' organization after being signed by scout Dale Alexander.

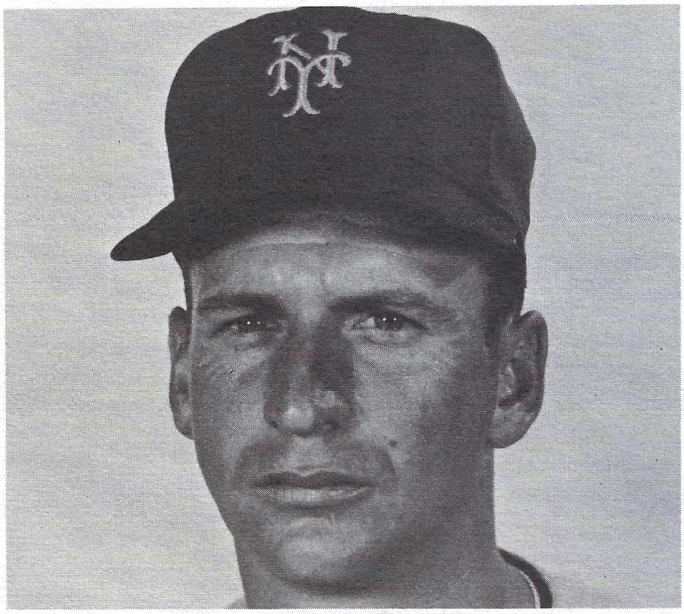
As member of Giants 1962 pennant winners, saw utility service at second, short and third. Tied World Series record for most assists in inning by shortstop (3) in ninth inning of fourth game.

Traded to Braves, Jan. 8, 1964, to complete deal which on Dec. 3, 1963, sent pitcher Billy Hoeft, catcher Ed Bailey and outfielder Felipe Alou to Milwaukee for pitchers Bob Hendley and Bob Shaw and catcher Del Crandall.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1956-St. Cloud	104	419	57	101	12	3	3	31	.241
1957-St. Cloud	104	408	56	112	18	8	4	52	.275
1958-Springfield	127	531	65	131	19	5	1	29	.247
1959-Corpus Christi	140	518	67	132	17	9	5	56	.255
1960-Tacoma	40	63	10	18	4	0	0	2	.286
1961-Tacoma	37	135	18	39	7	1	0	9	.289
1961-San Francisco	38	38	10	8	0	2	0	2	.211
1962-San Francisco	45	42	9	8	1	0	1	4	.190
1963-San Francisco	81	125	10	23	3	0	0	4	.184
1964-Denver	125	431	48	100	9	5	3	32	.232
1965-Atlanta	111	374	35	93	13	3	0	35	.249
Major League Totals	164	205	29	39	4	2	1	10	.190

WORLD SERIES RECORD

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1962-San Francisco	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000



ERNIE BOWMAN

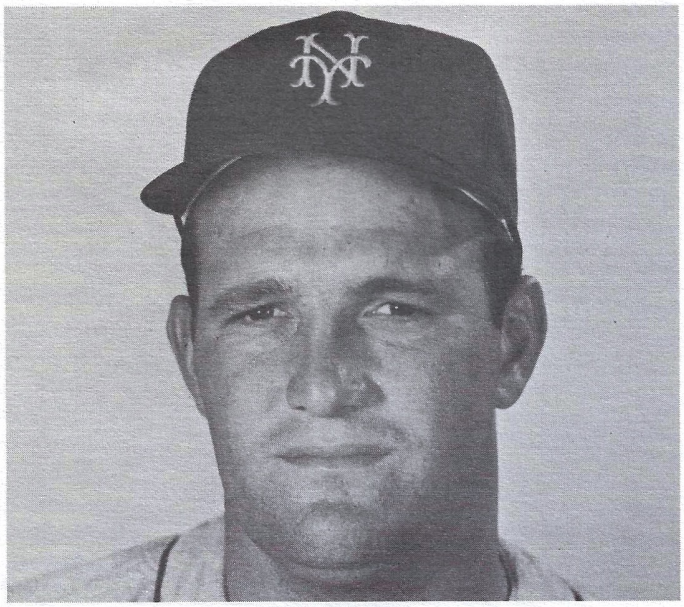
HAMILTON, Jack Edwin — RHP

BORN: Dec. 25, 1938, Burlington, Ia. HT: 6-0; WT: 200;
BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Morning Sun, Ia.
ACQUIRED: Purchased from Detroit, Oct. 17, 1965.

Led International League pitchers in ERA last season with 2.42 at Syracuse . . . Purchased from Tigers, who had obtained him from Philadelphia Phillies in Dec., 1963, with Don Demeter for Jim Bunning and Gus Triandos . . . Divided '64 and '65 seasons with Syracuse and Detroit . . . Pitched with Mets Florida Instructional League team, racking up seven-inning no-hitter against Tigers . . . Works as high school basketball referee during off season.

In 1962 and 1963 had combined 11-13 National League record . . . Seven of his NL wins with Philadelphia were registered against Houston.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1957-Decatur	21	2-5	50	61	39	44	52	42	7.56
1957-Wytheville	10	7-0	68	58	46	76	40	27	3.57
1958-Keokuk	37	12-16	190	153	156	225	136	96	4.55
1959-York	32	9-10	167	152	134	121	109	84	4.53
1960-Memphis	13	0-1	33	31	48	28	38	28	7.71
1960-Winston-Salem	24	6-9	114	104	80	109	68	55	4.33
1961-Williamsport	42	9-9	102	83	65	88	55	42	3.71
1962-Philadelphia	41	9-12	182	185	107	101	115	103	5.09
1963-Philadelphia	19	2-1	30	22	17	23	19	18	5.40
1963-Arkansas	17	4-8	91	94	49	63	58	47	4.65
1964-Syracuse	13	7-4	85	63	29	45	24	22	2.33
1964-Detroit	5	0-1	15	24	8	5	17	14	8.40
1965-Detroit	4	1-1	4	6	4	3	7	7	15.75
1965-Syracuse	28	12-10	171	130	71	115	63	46	2.42
Major League Totals	69	12-15	231	237	136	132	158	142	5.53



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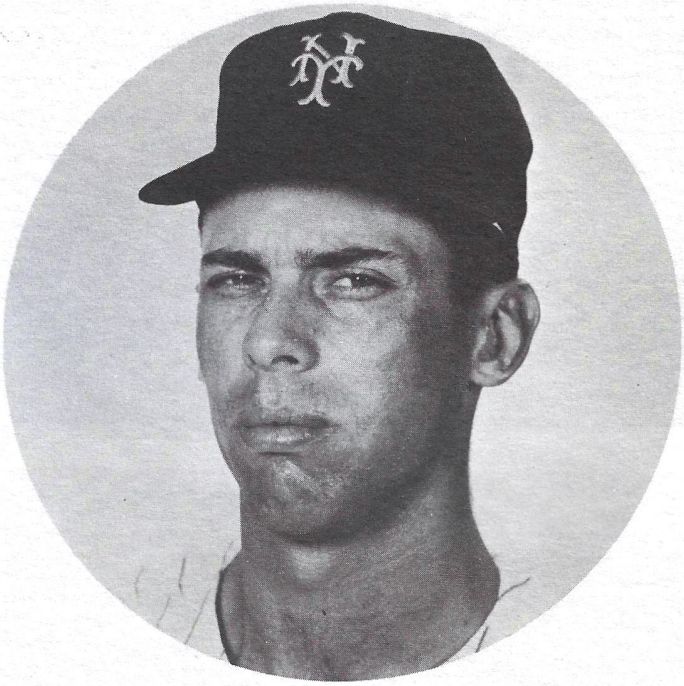


HUNT, Ronald Kenneth **INF**

BORN: Feb. 23, 1941, St. Louis, Mo. HT: 5-10; WT: 170;
BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Overland, Mo.
ACQUIRED: Purchased from Milwaukee organization, Oct. 1962.

National League All-Star second baseman of 1964 missed most of last season with injuries . . . Finger injury prevented him from playing first game until Apr. 30. On May 11 he suffered shoulder separation after baseline collision with Phil Gagliano of Cardinals and surgery sidelined him until Aug. 5.

Following return, tied club record by hitting three doubles on Aug. 27 against Giants and former teammate Warren Spahn . . . Also saw action at third after injury to Charley Smith.

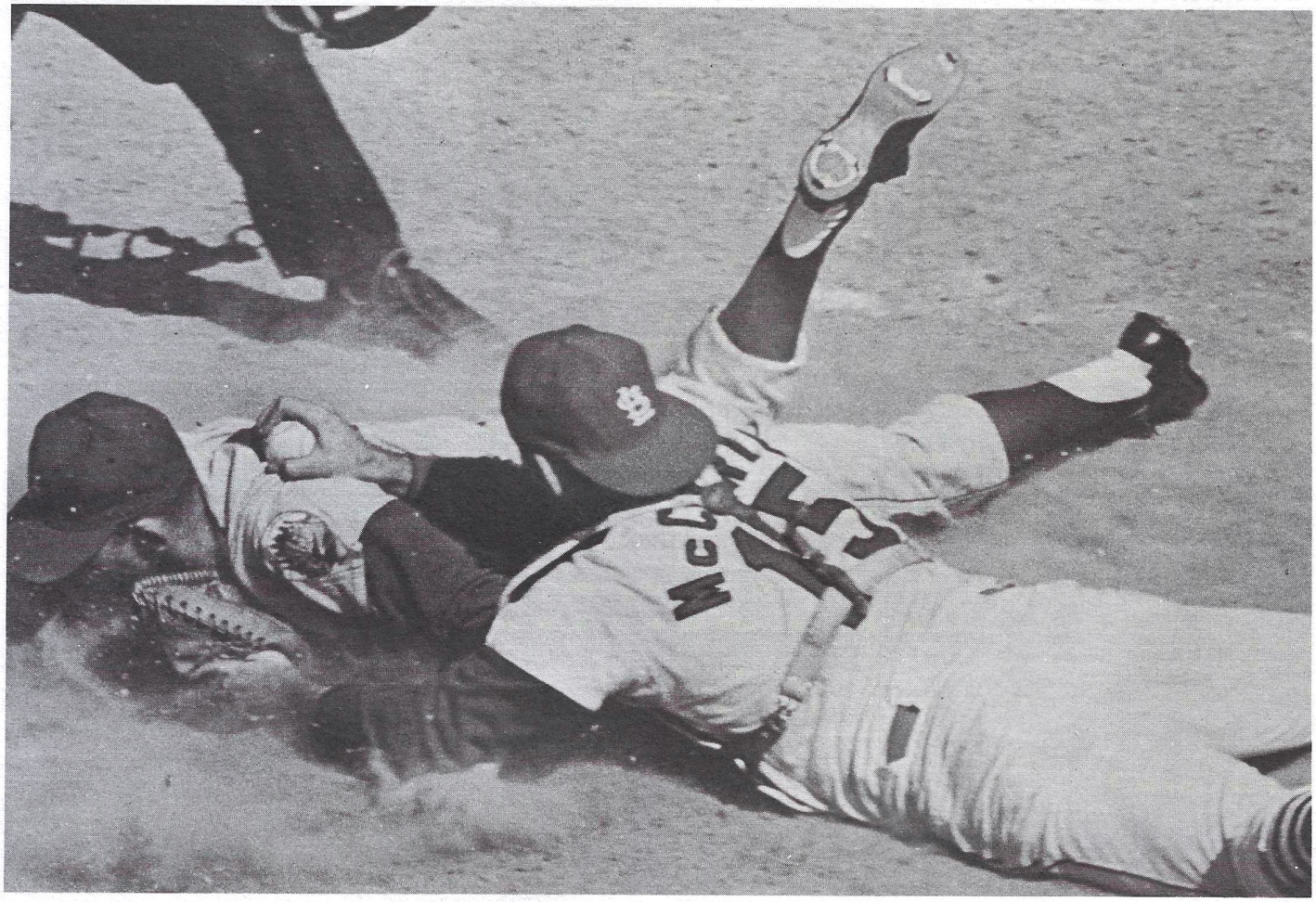
Leading Mets batter first two seasons . . . As starting second baseman in 1964 All-Star game at Shea Stadium, singled in first at-bat against Dean Chance of Angels.

Purchased from Braves organization upon recommendation of 1962 Mets coach Solly Hemus, who saw him on scouting assignment . . . Most Valuable Met in '63 and '64 . . . Runner-up for NL Rookie of Year honors in '63. Voluntarily went to Florida Instructional League camp after 1965 season to work on conditioning and weight-control program.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1959-McCook	62	208	53	59	11	6	2	52	.284
1960-Cedar Rapids ..	124	424	56	81	9	2	3	33	.191
1961-Cedar Rapids ..	121	461	98	136	25	7	16	72	.295
1962-Austin	128	475	77	147	25	5	2	56	.309
1963-Mets	143	533	64	145	28	4	10	42	.272
1964-Mets	127	475	59	144	19	6	6	42	.303
1965-Mets	57	196	21	47	12	1	1	10	.240
Major League Totals..	327	1204	144	336	59	11	17	94	.279

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1964-National	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333



Sliding with characteristic reckless abandon, Hunt gets safely under Tim McCarver's lunging tag during Cardinal clash.

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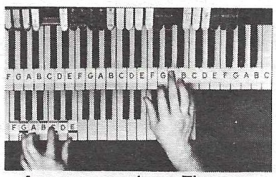

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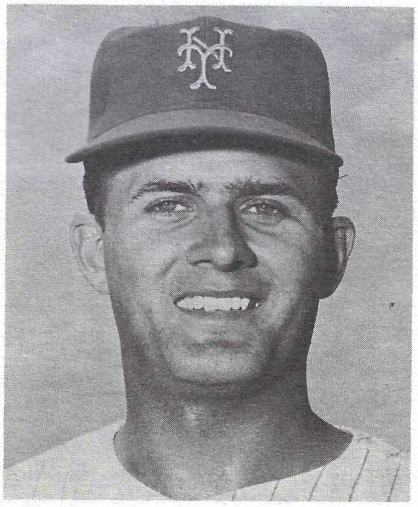


DICK RUSTECK

RUSTECK, Richard Frank "Dick" — LHP

BORN: July 12, 1941, Chicago, Ill. HT: 6-2; WT: 170;

BATS: R; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Chicago.

ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Herb Strunk, June 15, 1963.

Making first appearance on Met roster . . . A standout on Florida Instructional League team who impressed former player development director Eddie Stanky and other members of St. Petersburg staff . . . Both Stanky and Auburn manager Clyde McCullough feel he could be top relief pitcher . . . Exceptionally tough against righthanded hitters.

Played only half season in each of first two pro years . . . School delayed his reporting until June of 1963 and military service the following year . . . Registered 143 strikeouts in 115 innings in minors last season . . . A 1963 graduate of Notre Dame University.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1963-Salinas	20	1-6	70	80	64	62	70	56	7.20
1964-Auburn	17	4-3	37	43	26	35	23	18	4.38
1964-Williamsport	7	0-1	8	14	6	2	15	10	11.25
1965-Greenville	10	0-1	21	18	9	31	10	5	2.14
1965-Auburn	14	3-0	44	22	22	55	11	8	1.64
1965-Williamsport	7	1-5	50	38	27	57	20	11	1.98

MURPHY, William Eugene — OF

BORN: May 7, 1944, Pineville, La. HT: 6-1; WT: 191;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Tacoma, Wash.

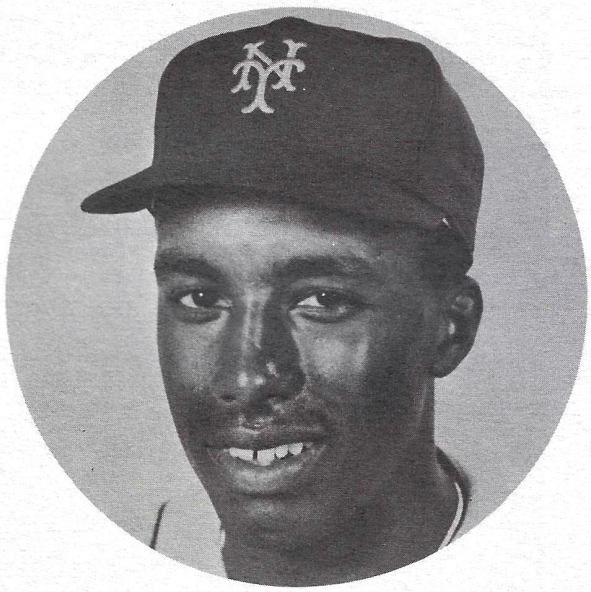
ACQUIRED: Draft for $25,000 from New York (AL) organization, Nov. 29, 1965.

Had 18 homers and 85 RBI at Binghamton in New York-Penn League last season, despite missing a month because of knee infection . . . Played on league All-Star team against Buffalo last August and impressed Mets' Vice President Johnny Murphy with speed and defensive skills . . . Had 12 stolen bases in 17 attempts last season.

Signed as a shortstop by Yankee scout Ed Taylor, who also signed Mel Stottlemyre . . . Yankees converted Murphy to outfielder.

At Clover Park H.S. in Tacoma, he captained baseball team as a senior and won Inspirational Award as junior.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1962-Harlan	39	101	16	27	1	1	2	9	.267
1963-Idaho Falls	87	236	37	63	14	1	9	32	.267
1964-Greensboro	19	51	4	11	2	2	1	4	.216
1964-Ft. Lauderdale	114	366	40	73	15	3	2	25	.199
1965-Binghamton	99	371	62	108	13	4	18	85	.291



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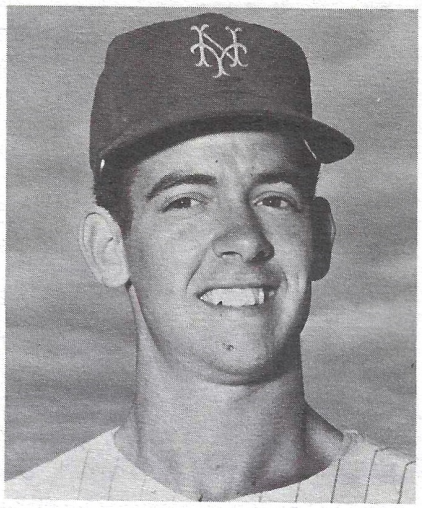


BILL HEPLER

HEPLER, William Lewis — LHP

BORN: Sept. 25, 1945, Covington, Va. HT: 6-0; WT: 160;

BATS: L; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Covington.

ACQUIRED: First-year draft for $8,000 from Washington organization, Nov. 29, 1965.

Mets second choice in draft at winter meetings last December . . . Signed originally by Washington organization, he had 14 complete games in 28 starts with Geneva of New York-Penn. League in first pro year . . . Played with Senators' Florida Instructional League team.

Outstanding with Covington, Va., H.S. and Covington American Legion Post, Hepler was signed by Washington scout George McQuinn, former American League first baseman, after compiling 21-4 record.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1965-Geneva	28	13-10	208	192	124	219	112	89	3.85

FISHER, John Howard "Jack" — RHP

BORN: Mar. 4, 1939, Frostburg, Md. HT: 6-2; WT: 212;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Timonium, Md.

ACQUIRED: Special draft for $30,000 from San Francisco, Oct. 10, 1963.

Workhorse of Met staff last season . . . Started 36 games and pitched 254 innings, both club records . . . Led staff in wins with 8, but his 24 losses tied all-time Met mark of Roger Craig (1962) . . . Led staff in virtually every department, including complete games with 10.

Scored two 2-1 wins last season, one over Cardinals and other in Pittsburgh against Met nemesis Bob Friend . . . Was credited with a "save" in Tug McGraw's 5-2 decision over Sandy Koufax that represented only triumph Mets ever achieved over Dodger Ace.

Was Met pitcher on May 26, 1964, in 19-1 rout of Cubs, most productive Met batting assault in history . . . Came to major leagues as member of Baltimore's "Baby Bird" pitching staff in 1959 and went to Giants in Dec., 1962 . . . Played one season in San Francisco before coming to Mets, where he has pitched 482 innings in two seasons.

Year-round resident of New York last year, working for a trucking firm during the off-season . . . Attended University of Georgia.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1957-Knoxville	13	0-5	39	45	35	22	34	27	6.23
1958-Knoxville	2	0-2	5	9	9	4	12	7	12.60
1958-Wilson	44	14-11	221	201	124	174	106	84	3.42
1959-Miami	12	8-4	97	81	39	70	36	33	3.06
1959-Baltimore	27	1-6	89	76	38	52	36	30	3.03
1960-Baltimore	40	12-11	198	174	78	99	87	75	3.41
1961-Baltimore	36	10-13	196	205	75	118	104	85	3.90
1962-Baltimore	32	7-9	152	173	56	81	101	86	5.09
1963-San Francisco	36	6-10	116	132	38	57	77	59	4.58
1964-Mets	40	10-17	228	256	56	115	124	107	4.22
1965-Mets	43	8-24	254	252	68	116	121	111	3.93
Major League Totals	254	54-90	1233	1268	409	638	650	553	4.04

RIGHT IS MIGHT

At least it might be with the trio below.

Right-handed starting pitching fortunes of 1966 Mets figure to be in hands of Jack Fisher, Jack Hamilton and Dick Selma, shown above.

SWOBODA, Ronald Alan — OF

BORN: June 30, 1944, Baltimore, Md. HT: 6-2; WT: 195;
BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Baltimore.
ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Pete Gebrian, Sept. 5, 1963.

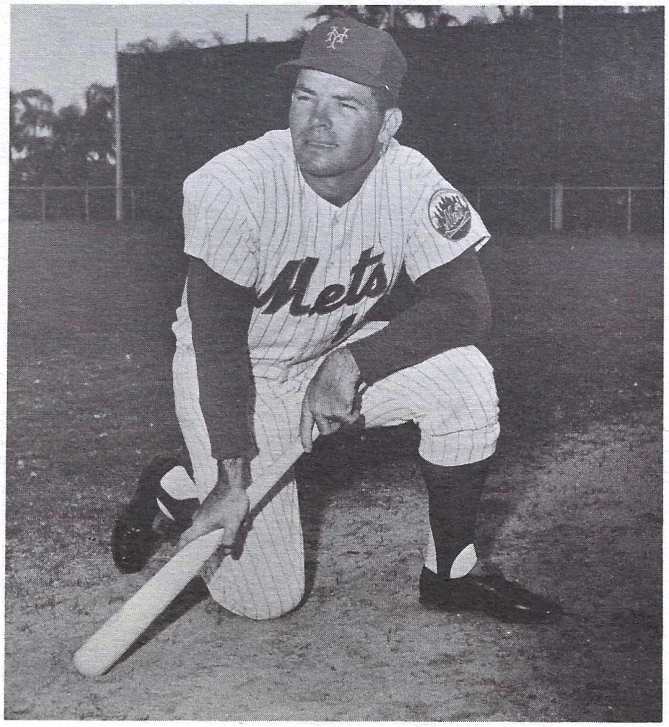
Mets' leading home run hitter last season with 19, a club record for rookies, that also exceeded the home run production of Mickey Mantle (13), Stan Musial (10) and Roger Maris (14) for their respective freshman major league campaigns . . . Hit 14 homers off righthanded pitching . . . At Shea Stadium he hit 10 . . . Connected against every opponent except Pittsburgh for circuit blow . . . Accounted for only Met homer in Astrodome. It came off Bob Bruce, Aug. 15, and led Mets to 3-0 victory . . . First major league hit was a pinch homer off Houston's Dick Farrell in his second at-bat. Blow cleared back wall behind left field bullpen, at Shea.

Eastern League All-Star selection while playing for Williamsport in first season of organized ball. His 14 homers missed league title by one . . . Signed by Mets off University of Maryland campus where he played freshman baseball and soccer . . . Lettered in baseball, basketball and soccer at Sparrows Point H.S., Baltimore. Member of state championship basketball team as senior and captain of soccer team.

Two days after marriage to Cecilia Hanna last October, he reported to Mets Florida Instructional League team and proceeded to show marked improvement in fielding and batting. Worked on hitting to right field to cut down on strikeouts and used heavier bat for better control . . . Most sought-after Met for speaking engagements during off-season with more than 50 appearances in Dec., Jan., and Feb.

In first 1966 Spring exhibition time at bat he drove Ex-Met Al Jacksons first pitch into left field stands at Al Lang Field against Cardinals.

YEAR	CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1964	Buffalo	22	66	6	16	3	0	3	11	.242
1964	Williamsport	117	417	65	115	21	2	14	61	.276
1965	Mets	135	399	52	91	15	3	19	50	.228



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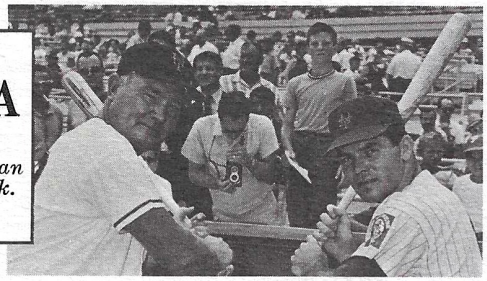
SWAT-BODA

Sophomore with freshman home run record in bank.



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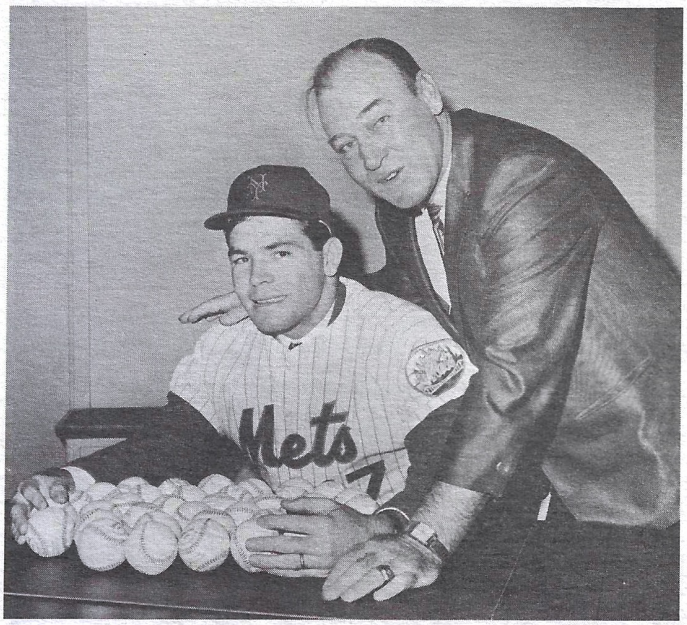

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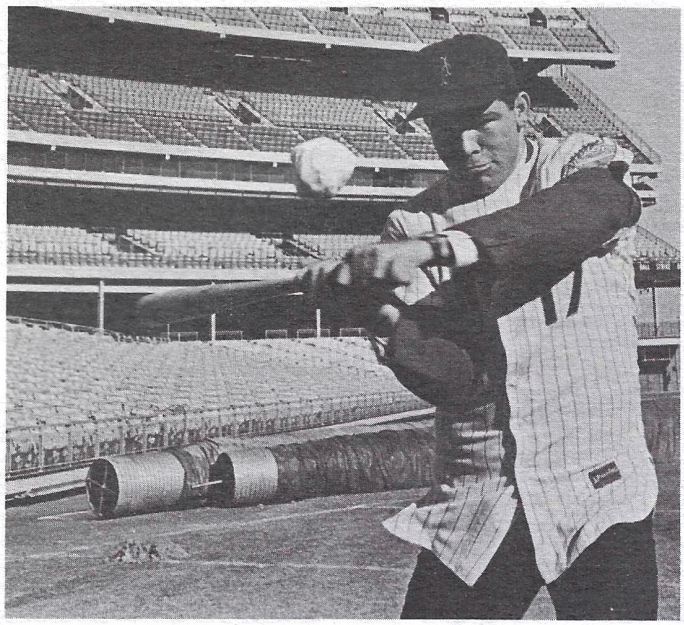

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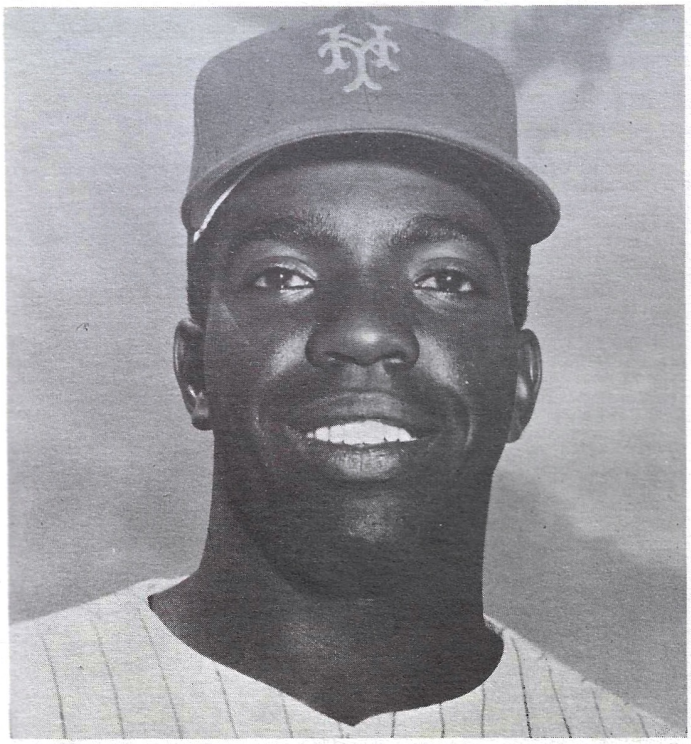


LEWIS, Johnny Joe — OF

BORN: Aug. 10, 1939, Greenville, Ala. HT: 6-1; WT: 189;
BATS: L; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: New Rochelle, N. Y.
ACQUIRED: From St. Louis with Gordon Richardson for Tracy Stallard, Dec. 8, 1964.

Regarded by manager Wes Westrum as an agent of super-star potential . . . Worked all Spring on open batting stance ordered by Westrum to overcome weakness against inside pitches by southpaws, and showed marked improvement at very outset.

Figured in one of sports stories of year last season, when he hit home run off Jim Maloney in 11th inning June 14 in Cincinnati to break up no-hitter and give Mets 1-0 win over Reds . . . Among 15 homers last year were circuits against Maloney, Don Cardwell and Jim Bunning, all of whom have pitched no-hit games.

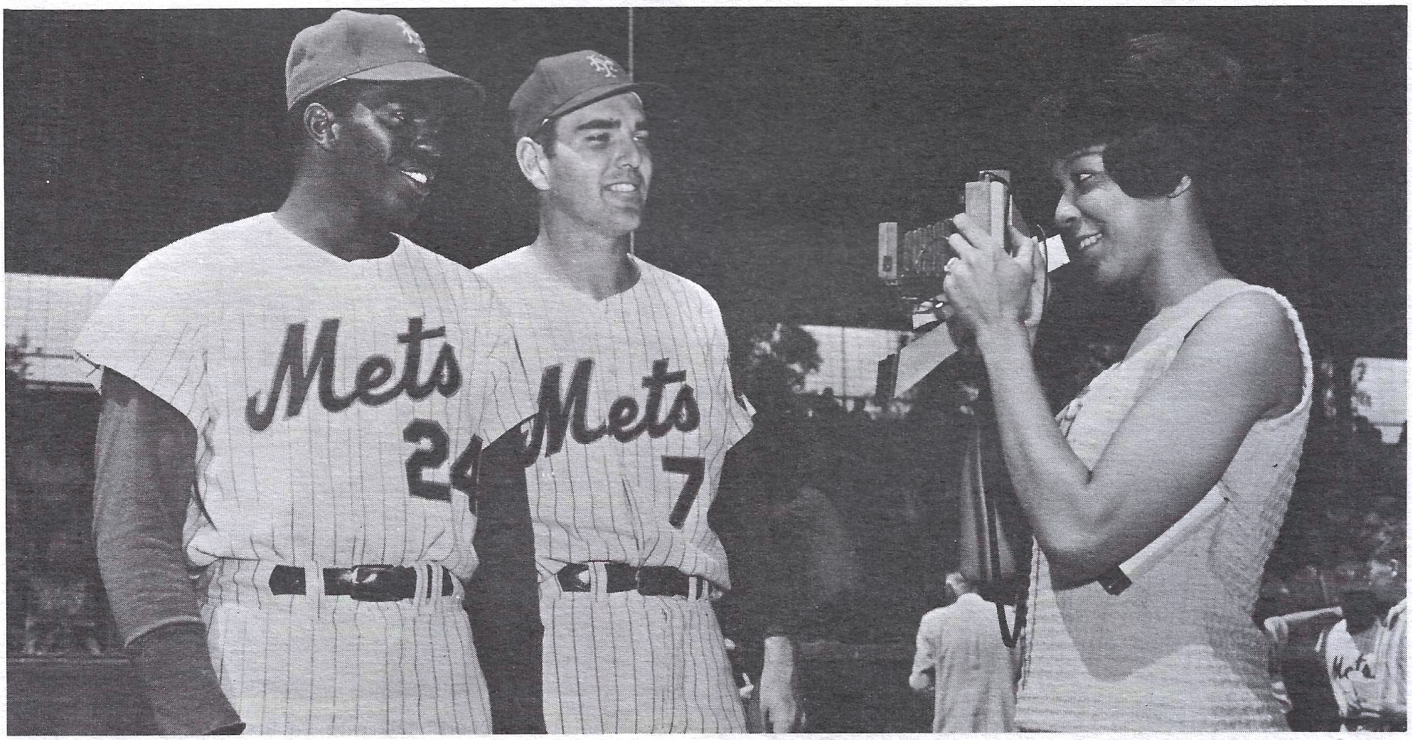
Only Johnny Callison (21) and Roberto Clemente (16) had more assists among NL outfielders last year than Lewis, with 14.

Led Mets in runs (64) and walks (59) . . . Had 11-game hit streak to start season . . . In doubleheader at Chicago July 29 he had seven hits in 10 at-bats, including homers off lefthanders Bob Hendley and Billy Hoeft . . . Employed as clothing salesman in off season.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1959-Keokuk	7	15	0	2	0	0	0	0	.133
1959-Wytheville	53	183	57	56	15	3	5	42	.306
1959-Hobbs	10	43	7	11	0	0	2	4	.256
1960-Winnipeg	124	435	79	130	24	12	23	104	.299
1961-Tulsa	128	413	83	121	19	7	22	85	.293
1962-Atlanta	41	129	14	23	1	1	4	12	.178
1962-Tulsa	85	294	63	86	20	3	18	62	.293
1963-Atlanta	136	425	25	119	17	7	13	42	.280
1964-St. Louis	40	94	10	22	2	2	2	7	.234
1964-Jacksonville	72	221	32	58	9	1	5	21	.262
1965-Mets	148	477	64	117	15	3	15	45	.245
Major League Totals	188	571	74	139	17	5	17	52	.243

THE GUNNER

14 base runners cut down during 1965.



Mrs. Johnny Lewis has "negative" approach here as she catches husband and Ed Kranepool on the sidelines in training camp.

THE QUIET MAN: QUITE A MAN

McMILLAN, Roy David — INF

BORN: July 17, 1930, Bonham, Tex. HT: 5-11; WT: 165;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Bonham.

ACQUIRED: From Milwaukee for Jay Hook and cash, May 8, 1964.

Taciturn Texan last year marked his 14th major league season by setting club record of 157 games. Reached 2000-game plateau as National Leaguer Sept. 5 in St. Louis . . . One of finest shortstops in modern baseball, he led National League in fielding in 1956, '57, '58, and '61, and last year went 41 straight games without an error . . . Starting shortstop in All-Star games of 1956 and 1957.

His 128 hits last season second among Mets and best personal total since 1954 . . . One of top bunters in baseball, he set club record for sacrifices with 16, third best in league last season . . . Played in every game last year until flu sidelined him on Labor Day.

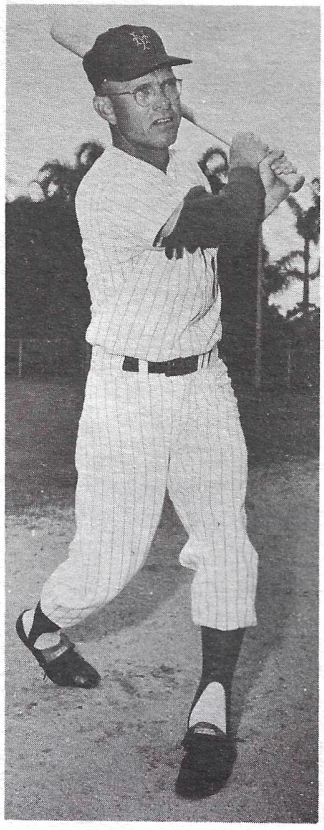
Broke into majors with Cincinnati in 1951 and traded to Milwaukee for pitchers Joey Jay and Juan Pizarro, Dec. 15, 1960.

A rancher during off season . . . Won letters in football, basketball, track and tennis in high school. Captain of football team . . . Attended Texas A&M.

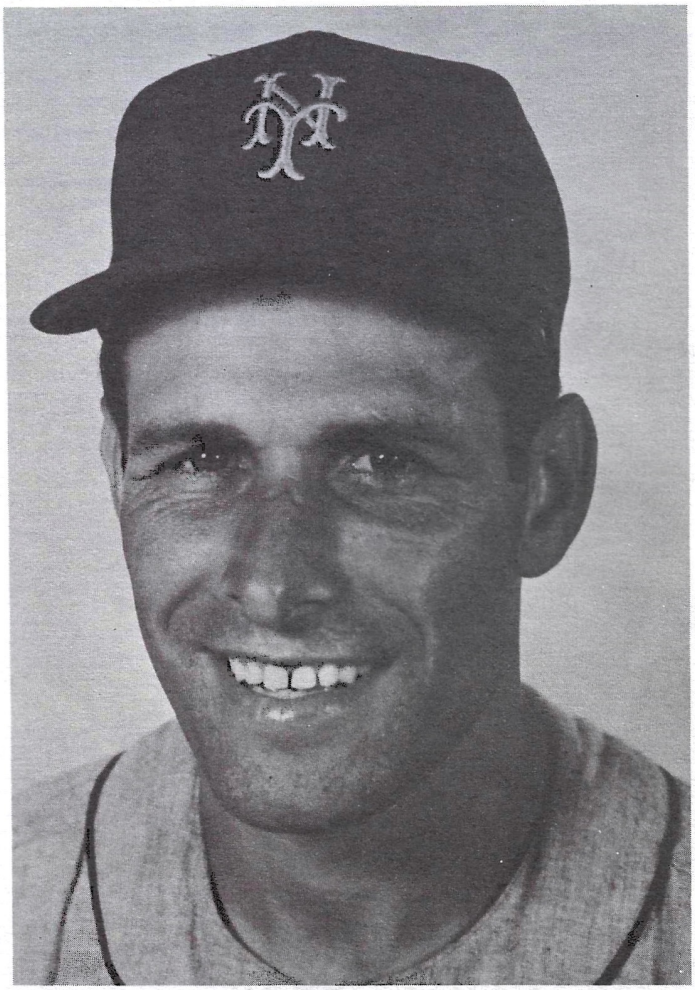
YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1947-Tyler	17	54	6	7	0	0	0	6	.130
1947-Ballinger	107	459	90	126	23	2	3	49	.275
1948-Tyler	140	599	127	184	35	10	3	57	.307
1949-Tulsa	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1949-Columbia	115	431	63	100	20	1	2	46	.232
1950-Tulsa	142	562	73	154	31	2	3	51	.274
1951-Cincinnati	85	199	21	42	4	0	1	8	.211
1952-Cincinnati	154	540	60	132	32	2	7	57	.244
1953-Cincinnati	155	557	51	130	15	4	5	43	.233
1954-Cincinnati	154	588	86	147	21	2	4	42	.250
1955-Cincinnati	151	470	50	126	21	2	1	37	.268
1956-Cincinnati	150	479	51	126	16	7	3	62	.263
1957-Cincinnati	151	448	50	122	25	5	1	55	.272
1958-Cincinnati	145	393	48	90	18	3	1	25	.229
1959-Cincinnati	79	246	38	65	14	2	9	24	.264
1960-Cincinnati	124	399	42	94	12	2	10	42	.236
1961-Milwaukee	154	505	42	111	16	0	7	48	.220
1962-Milwaukee	137	468	66	115	13	0	12	41	.246
1963-Milwaukee	100	320	35	80	10	1	4	29	.250
1964-Mil.-Mets	121	392	31	84	8	2	1	27	.214
1965-Mets	157	528	44	128	19	2	1	42	.242
Major League Totals	2017	6532	715	1592	244	34	67	582	.244

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

YEAR LEAGUE	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1956-National	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	.667
1957-National	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
All-Star Totals	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	.500



"Short" talk with Ed Bressoud



ED BRESSOUD

BRESSOUD, Edward Francis — INF

BORN: May 2, 1932, Los Angeles, Cal. HT: 6-1; WT: 175;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Los Altos, Cal.

ACQUIRED: From Boston for Joe Christopher Nov. 30, 1965.

Returning to New York, where he started major league career with Giants in 1956 . . . Selected by Houston from San Francisco in expansion draft of Oct., 1961, and traded month later to Red Sox for Don Buddin.

Developed into American League All-Star shortstop (1964) with Red Sox . . . Named Red Sox most valuable player in 1962 and led all major league shortstops in homers (20) in 1963 . . . Led Red Sox in batting in 1964 (.293) and his 166 hits included 41 doubles. Picked on All-Star squad at Shea Stadium but did not play.

Signed by Giants out of high school in 1950 but continued his education in off season and graduated from UCLA in 1960 . . . Has master's degree from San Jose State College, Bachelor's degree from UCLA, and teaches at Los Altos, (Calif.) High School, where he also helps coach local high school basketball team . . . Plans to become college baseball coach after playing career.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1950-Springfield	70	250	31	60	14	3	2	34	.240
1951-Sioux City	149	508	49	117	20	2	5	53	.230
1952-Sioux City	155	526	61	134	25	4	5	68	.255
1953-54-Nashville			(In Military Service)						
1955-Minneapolis ...	145	542	72	136	35	3	19	74	.251
1956-Minneapolis ...	86	294	30	79	18	0	3	36	.269
1956-New York	49	163	15	37	4	2	0	9	.227
1957-Minneapolis ...	81	318	48	91	26	4	4	35	.286
1957-New York	49	127	11	34	2	2	5	10	.268
1958-San Francisco ..	66	137	19	36	5	3	0	8	.263
1959-San Francisco ..	104	315	36	79	17	2	9	26	.251
1960-San Francisco ..	116	386	37	87	19	6	9	43	.225
1961-San Francisco ..	59	114	14	24	6	0	3	11	.211
1962-Boston	153	599	79	166	40	9	14	68	.277
1963-Boston	140	497	61	129	23	6	20	60	.260
1964-Boston	158	566	86	166	41	3	15	55	.293
1965-Boston	106	296	29	67	11	1	8	25	.226
Major League Totals..	1000	3200	519	825	168	34	83	315	.258

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

1964-American (Selected; did not play)

JONES, Cleon Joseph — OF

BORN: Aug. 4, 1942, Plateau, Ala. HT: 6-0; WT: 190;

BATS: R; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Mobile, Ala.

ACQUIRED: Signed by scout Julian Morgan, July 5, 1962.

Lefthanded in every respect but hitting, Jones played Winter ball (for first time) with Caguas of Puerto Rico League after 1965 season and batted .309 during regular season. Showed more ability to pull than before and stood out defensively . . . Attributed marked batting improvement to helpful suggestions by Caguas teammate (an ex-Met) Joe Christopher . . . Possesses extraordinary speed . . . Came to Spring training this year confident, for first time, of making varsity roster.

With Mets briefly in 1965 . . . Although in Mets training camp last two seasons, he was farmed out to Buffalo.

All-State football player in high school . . . Attended Alabama A & M . . . Comes from same Mobile suburb which produced Hank Aaron, Billy Williams and Willie McCovey.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1963-Auburn	14	50	19	18	1	3	1	6	.360
1963-Raleigh	49	177	28	54	5	6	2	23	.305
1963-Mets	6	15	1	2	0	0	0	1	.133
1964-Buffalo	137	500	96	139	22	6	16	70	.278
1965-Buffalo	123	454	61	122	15	3	15	49	.269
1965-Mets	30	74	2	11	1	0	1	9	.149
Major League Totals..	36	89	3	13	1	0	1	10	.146

CAREER GRAND SLAMS BY CURRENT METS

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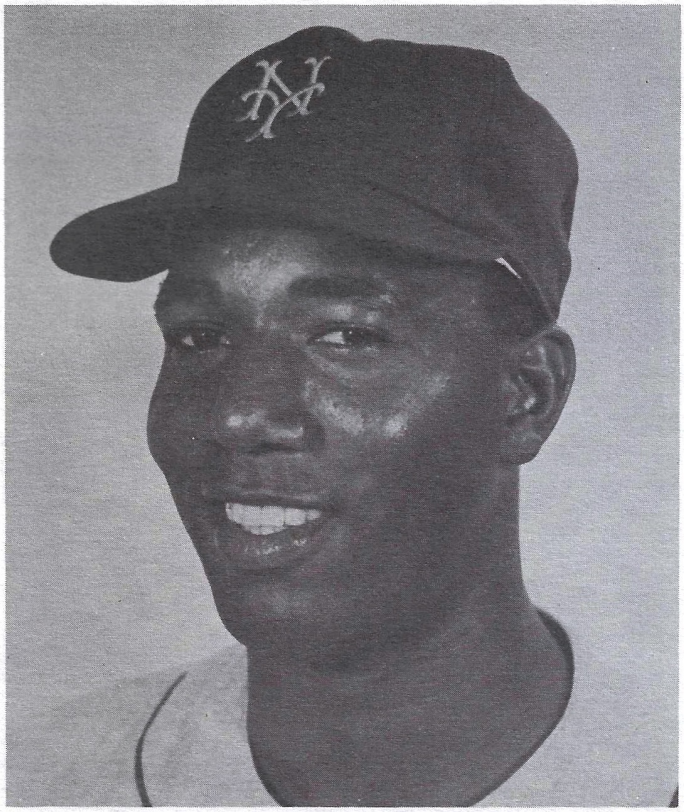

CLEON JONES

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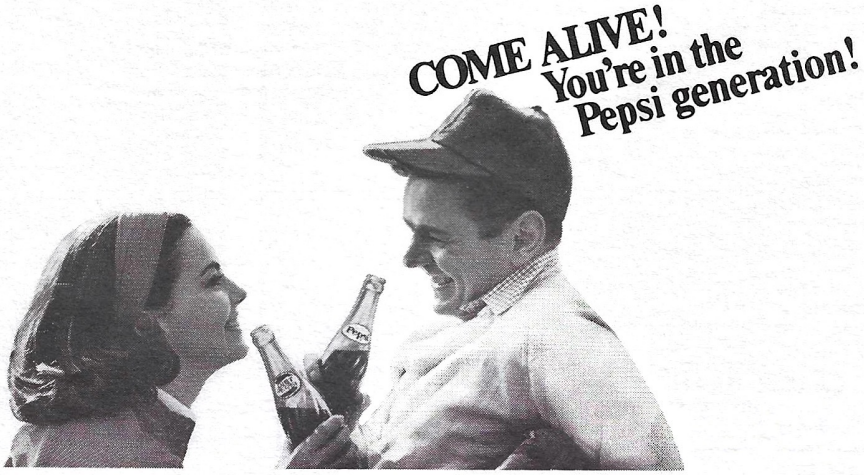


STUART, Richard Lee "Dick" — INF

BORN: Nov. 7, 1932, San Francisco, Calif. **HT:** 6-3; **WT:** 215;
BATS: R; **THROWS:** R. **RESIDENCE:** Greenwich, Conn.
ACQUIRED: From Philadelphia, Feb. 22, 1966, for Wayne Graham, Bobby Klaus and Jim Schaffer from Jacksonville roster to Phillies' San Diego roster.

Home run is the name of the game for outspoken, itinerant slugger and he promptly illustrated by walloping first pitch ever served to him in Met uniform over rightfield (opposite) fence in opening exhibition against Cardinals . . . Went into 1966 campaign with 220 homers during 8-year major league career with Pirates, Red Sox and Phillies, and accumulated 103 in last three years . . . Belted 28 circuits last season, tapping Johnny Podres of Dodgers for career No. 200 on July 10 . . . Home run at Shea Stadium on July 23 marked 23rd different major league park in which he has connected, a distinction no one else can lay claim to in baseball history . . . His combined nine grand slams (6 NL, 3 AL) are second only to Ernie Banks' 10 among active NL players . . . Despite .234 average last year, his 95 RBI was one more than the Mets' all time record for that category: 94 by Frank Thomas in 1962 . . . Major league home run high: 42 with Red Sox in 1963, when he also led AL in total bases with 319, and earned "Comeback of Year" award . . . Last season against world champion Dodgers he drove in 20 runs, including a dozen in LA.

Wife Lois is a former airline stewardess and mother of two boys . . . Stu comes into New York with syndicated weekly TV show . . . His 1966 goals: "I always set my sights on 30 home runs and 100 runs batted in."

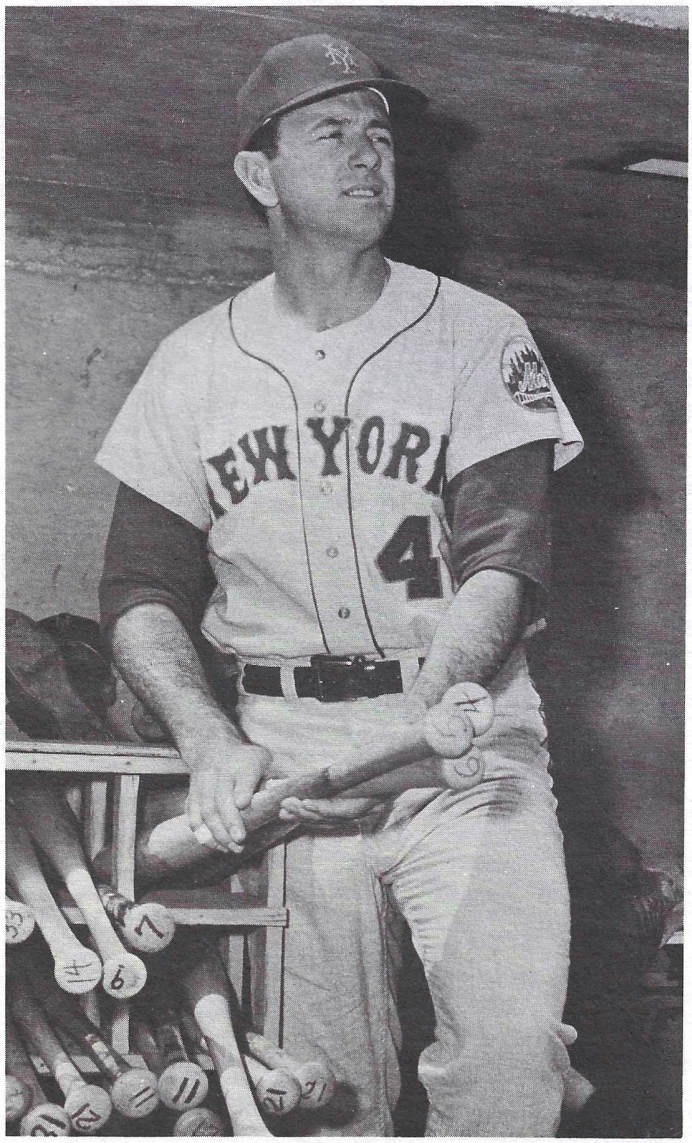
Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg
1951	Modesto	66	201	21	46	9	0	4	31	.229
1952	Billings	129	515	115	161	30	4	31	121	.313
1953-54	New Orleans	(in Military Service)								
1955	New Orleans	13	30	4	6	0	0	0	3	.200
1955	Mexico City	7	27	3	4	1	0	1	4	.148
1955	Billings	101	366	84	113	19	5	32	104	.309
1956	Lincoln	141	523	131	156	25	3	66	158	.298
1957	Hollywood	23	72	8	17	0	0	6	17	.236
1957	Atlanta	23	90	18	19	2	0	8	21	.211
1957	Lincoln	97	348	71	92	13	0	31	84	.264
1958	Salt Lake City	80	315	61	98	14	1	31	82	.311
1958	Pittsburgh	67	254	38	68	12	5	16	48	.268
1959	Pittsburgh	118	397	64	118	15	2	27	78	.297
1960	Pittsburgh	122	438	48	114	17	5	23	83	.260
1961	Pittsburgh	138	532	83	160	28	8	35	117	.301
1962	Pittsburgh	114	394	52	90	11	4	16	64	.228
1963	Boston	157	612	81	160	25	4	42	118	.261
1964	Boston	156	603	73	168	27	1	33	114	.279
1965	Philadelphia	149	538	53	126	19	1	28	95	.234
	Major League Totals	1021	3768	492	1004	154	30	220	717	.266

WORLD SERIES RECORD

Year	Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg
1960	Pittsburgh	6	20	1	3	0	0	0	0	.150

ALL-STAR GAME RECORD

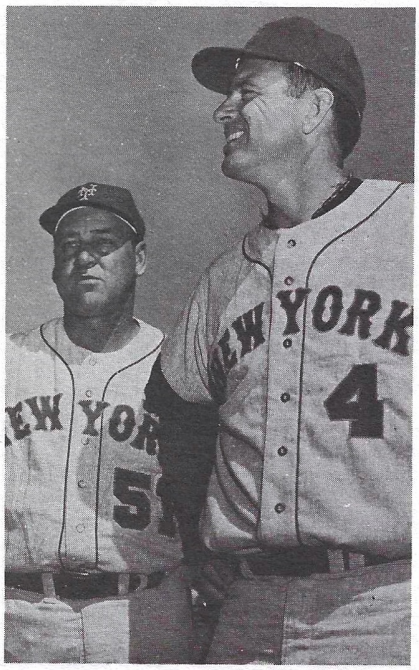
Year	League	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg
1961	National (both games)	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	.500



Bill White and Big Stu

PRINCE OF PUNCH

103 homers last three years
Is slugging power Dick Stuart
Brings Into the Big Shea



Westrum makes point

HICKMAN, James Lucius — INF-OF

BORN: May 10, 1937, Henning, Tenn. HT: 6-3; WT: 200;
BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Henning.

ACQUIRED: Expansion draft for $50,000 from St. Louis, Oct. 10, 1961.

Became only Met to hit three homers in one game—all against Ray Sadecki—last Sept. 3 in St. Louis. He also singled in same game for 13 total bases, and another club record.

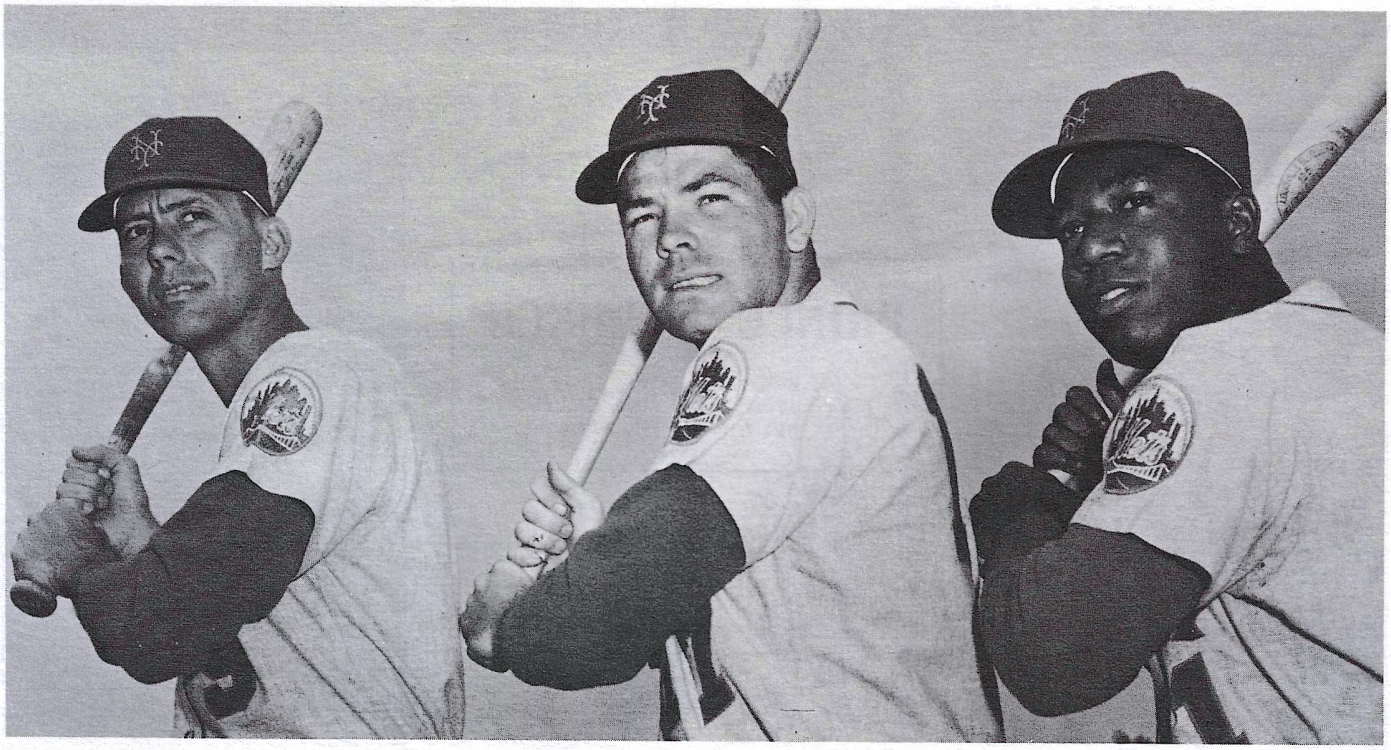
Although Hickman and Chris Cannizzaro only two Mets remaining from 1961 expansion draft, Jim is actually only Met who has seen continuous service . . . Only Met to hit for cycle in one game: single, double, triple and homer in that order, against Cardinals, Aug. 7, 1963 . . . Primarily an outfielder, he has also been used at first and third.

Won 12 high school letters at Ripley, Tenn., where he starred in baseball, football, basketball . . . Attended Mississippi and Memphis State for one year each . . . Played freshman basketball at Ole Miss.

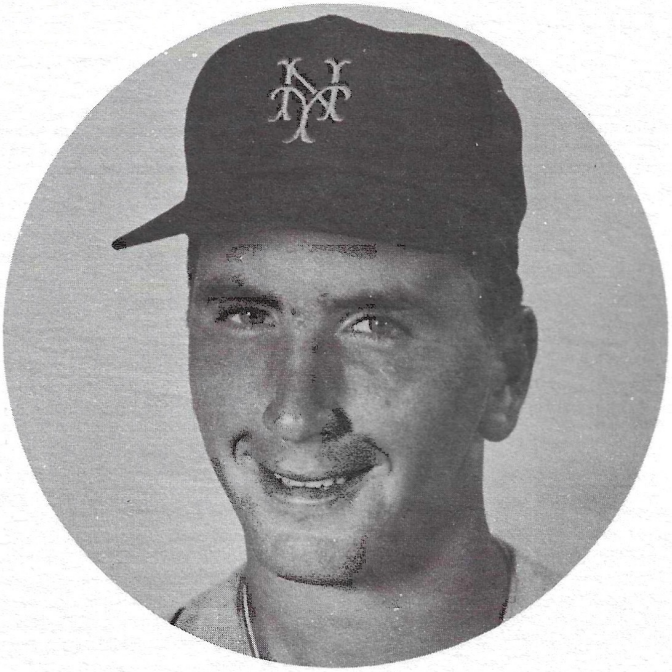
YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1956-Albany	137	536	94	144	17	7	14	91	.269
1957-Albany	138	522	94	150	24	4	26	113	.287
1958-Winston-Salem	67	200	29	49	3	3	10	26	.245
1958-Billings	56	219	38	56	15	3	14	54	.256
1959-Tulsa	133	444	77	112	16	4	22	81	.252
1960-Dallas-Ft. Worth	4	15	0	2	0	0	0	5	.133
1960-Rochester	6	10	1	2	1	0	1	2	.200
1960-Tulsa	111	393	91	127	23	10	15	61	.323
1961-Portland	134	465	58	116	22	3	11	57	.249
1962-Mets	140	392	54	96	18	2	13	46	.245
1963-Mets	146	494	53	113	21	6	17	51	.229
1964-Mets	139	409	48	105	14	1	11	57	.257
1965-Mets	141	369	32	87	18	0	15	40	.236
Major League Totals	566	1664	187	401	71	9	56	194	.241

BOOM-BOOMERS

Outfield power in the righthanded trio below.



Pickets: Hickman, Swoboda and Jones representing right-handed batting punch in Shea outfield.



ROB GARDNER

GARDNER, Richard Frank "Rob" LHP

BORN: Dec. 19, 1944, Binghamton, N. Y. HT: 6-2; WT: 175;

BATS: R; THROWS: L; RESIDENCE: Binghamton.

ACQUIRED: First-year draft for $8,000 from Minnesota, Dec. 2, 1963.

Puchased from Buffalo last Sept. 1 after dividing minor league season between Williamsport and Buffalo.

Hurled first 15 innings of 18-inning scoreless tie with Phillies on next to last day of 1965 season, tying individual club record for most innings pitched in one game. Al Jackson had hurled 15 innings against Phillies in 1962.

Originally signed by Minnesota Twins, but selected by Mets in first-year draft Dec., 1963 after he compiled 213 strikeouts for Orlando to lead Florida State League . . . Composite minor league record with four Met affiliates in 1964 and 1965 was 20-10 . . . Pitched in Florida Instructional League after '65 season.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1963-Orlando	33	16-11	235	199	66	213	85	58	2.22
1963-Wilson	2	1-0	6	8	6	7	8	8	12.00
1964-Buffalo	3	1-1	15	18	9	11	11	11	6.60
1964-Williamsport	1	0-1	2	6	2	0	5	4	18.00
1964-Auburn	15	9-1	92	87	45	91	47	43	4.21
1964-Salinas	11	1-3	42	36	20	42	24	21	4.50
1965-Williamsport	26	5-3	57	52	32	50	25	16	2.53
1965-Buffalo	10	4-1	69	55	21	56	17	13	1.70
1965-Mets	5	0-2	28	23	7	19	13	10	3.21

COLEMAN, Clarence "Choo-Choo" C

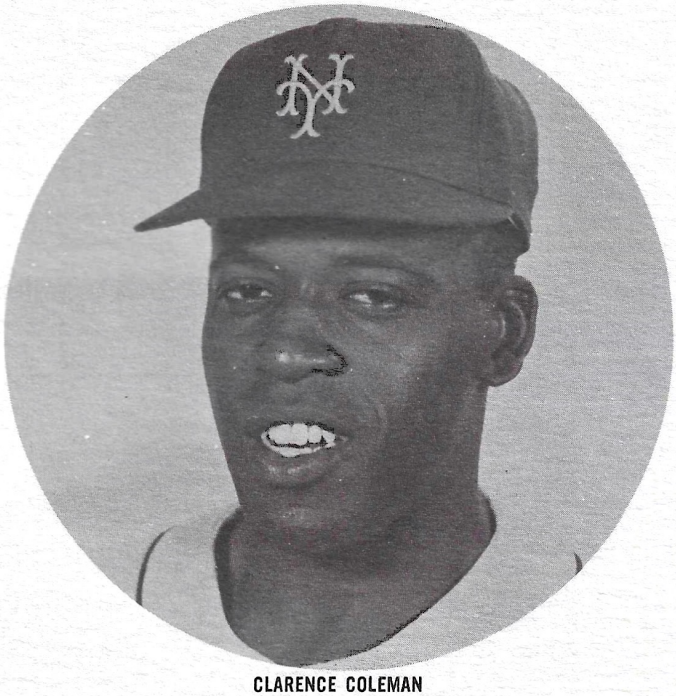
BORN: Aug. 25, 1937, Orlando, Fla. HT: 5-9; WT: 160;

BATS: L; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Orlando

ACQUIRED: Expansion draft for $75,000 from Philadelphia, Oct. 10, 1961.

Popular receiver represents the Algeresque story of 1966 Mets' training camp. Invited to St. Petersburg as a spear carrier for the express purpose of handling batting practice pitchers, he forced his way into the exhibition line-up on sheer determination, finally winning spot on varsity roster . . . Returns to Mets after two seasons in Triple A at Buffalo, where he had been sent as result of fractured finger during spring of '64 . . . Outstanding attributes: ability to handle low ball and extraordinary speed for catcher . . . Figured in 55 games during Mets' baptismal season of 1962, being charged with only one error . . . Has distinction of hitting first Met home run (and RBI) in history: against Cardinals in second spring exhibition in '62 that also marked first Met triumph ever . . . Played Winter ball in Nicaragua the past three years.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG.
1955-Orlando	17	20	2	3	0	0	1	4	.150
1956-Orlando	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1957		Not In Pro Ball							
1958-Orlando	129	432	57	101	13	9	7	66	.234
1959-Orlando	137	460	80	119	16	5	8	80	.259
1960-Macon	26	77	15	15	6	0	1	3	.195
1960-Montreal	98	291	41	75	13	6	5	33	.258
1961-Philadelphia	34	47	3	6	1	0	0	4	.128
1961-Spokane	73	257	47	74	10	5	13	45	.288
1962-Syracuse	71	226	26	44	5	1	4	19	.195
1962-New York	55	152	24	38	7	2	6	17	.250
1963-New York	106	247	22	44	0	0	3	9	.178
1964-Buffalo	73	172	24	49	5	0	10	39	.235
1965-Buffalo	54	150	21	37	1	0	6	19	.247
Major League Totals	195	446	49	88	8	2	9	30	.197



CLARENCE COLEMAN

CAREER SHUTOUTS BY CURRENT METS

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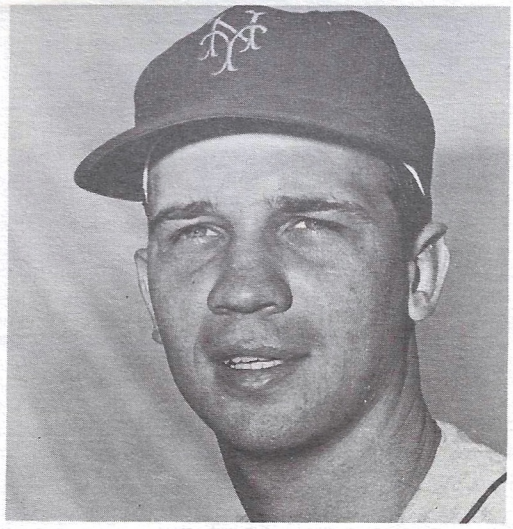


DENNIS RIBANT

KLIMCHOCK, Louis Stephen — INF

BORN: Oct. 15, 1939, Hostetter, Pa. HT: 5-11; WT: 180;

BATS: L; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Loyalhanna, Pa.

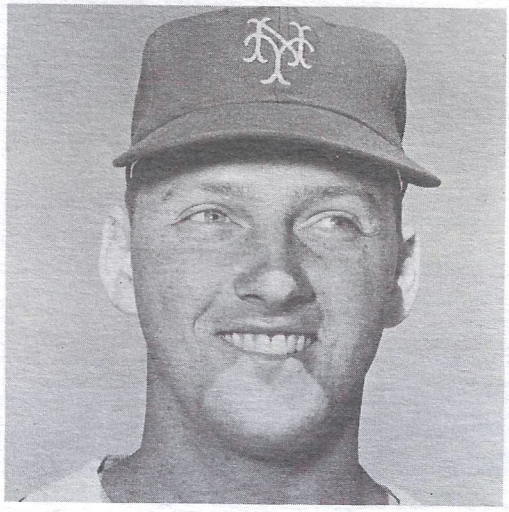
ACQUIRED: From Buffalo Oct. 22, 1965. Went to Buffalo with Ernie Bowman from Atlanta as completion of deal which sent Billy Cowan from Buffalo to Milwaukee, Aug. 10, 1965.

Starting 10th season in professional baseball, and with fourth major league team, though only 26 years old . . . Divided last season between Milwaukee and Atlanta affiliate.

Led Pacific Coast League in batting in 1964 on .334 average with Denver. Previous year batted .352 at Denver in 81 games . . . Was top PCL third baseman in fielding in 1964 . . . Has also played second and first.

Began career in pro ball in Athletics organization and went to Milwaukee with pitcher Bob Shaw for catcher Jose Azcue, infielder Ed Charles and outfielder Manny Jiminez, Dec. 15, 1961 . . . Played briefly with Washington in 1963.

YEAR CLUB	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG
1957-Grand Island ..	39	161	29	44	4	2	2	28	.273
1958-Pocatello	115	506	123	197	24	8	25	112	.389
1958-Kansas City ...	2	10	2	2	0	0	1	1	.200
1959-Shreveport	151	609	94	192	44	5	19	85	.315
1959-Kansas City ...	17	66	10	18	1	0	4	13	.273
1960-Dallas-Ft. Worth	72	285	36	77	16	2	4	38	.270
1960-Shreveport	11	19	3	5	0	0	2	3	.263
1960-Kansas City ...	10	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	.300
1961-Kansas City ...	57	121	8	26	4	1	1	16	.215
1961-Shreveport	44	165	23	41	8	0	2	22	.248
1962-Milwaukee	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1962-Louisville	116	458	59	113	21	4	11	42	.247
1963-Washington ...	9	14	1	2	0	0	0	2	.143
1963-Denver	81	332	63	117	21	6	19	68	.352
1963-Milwaukee	24	46	6	9	1	0	0	1	.196
1964-Denver	153	569	90	190	38	13	19	112	.334
1964-Milwaukee	10	21	3	7	2	0	0	2	.333
1965-Milwaukee	34	39	3	3	0	0	0	3	.077
1965-Atlanta	29	98	8	26	4	0	2	13	.265
Major League Totals..	171	341	33	70	8	1	6	38	.205



BILL WAKEFIELD

RIBANT, Dennis — RHP

BORN: Sept. 20, 1941, Detroit, Mich. HT: 5-11; WT: 175;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Burlington, Ontario.

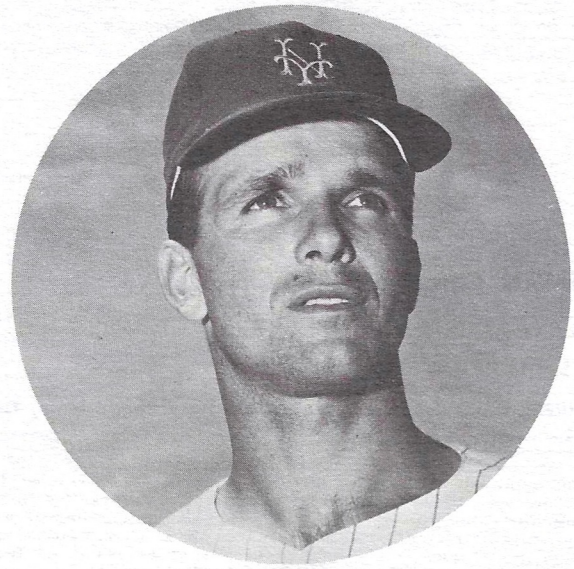
ACQUIRED: From Milwaukee organization for Frank Lary, Aug. 8, 1964.

Started 1965 season with Mets but was sent to Buffalo June 1 . . . Recalled Sept. 2 and, thereafter, allowed four runs in six appearances totalling 17 innings . . . Although primarily a relief pitcher, he hurled 11 shutout innings as starter against Pirates in closing week of 1965 season. Mets won in 12th but Ribant was not involved in decision.

Pitched four-hitter to beat Pirates nine days after coming to Mets in Aug., 1964 . . . Pitched perfect seven-inning game with Davenport against Clinton in first year of pro ball.

Once spurned contract with Detroit Red Wings hockey organization . . . Lived in trailer in Long Island during off season with wife and child, while working for men's clothing store.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1961-Davenport	20	17-2	155	110	39	155	38	32	1.86
1961-Austin	7	4-2	54	33	18	46	8	7	1.17
1962-Louisville	6	0-3	20	38	10	15	33	29	13.05
1962-Austin	24	11-9	148	154	36	103	73	65	3.96
1963-Toronto	5	1-1	15	17	1	11	8	8	4.80
1963-Denver	32	14-9	166	199	35	110	107	94	5.10
1964-Denver	30	8-2	120	129	23	114	57	47	3.53
1964-Mets	14	1-5	58	65	9	35	35	33	5.12
1965-Buffalo	21	3-12	109	95	30	62	52	47	3.88
1965-Mets	19	1-3	35	29	6	13	16	15	3.86
Major League Totals ...	33	2-8	93	94	15	48	51	48	4.65



LOUIS KLIMCHOCK

WAKEFIELD, William Sumner — RHP

BORN: May 24, 1941, Kansas City, Mo. HT: 5-11; WT: 170;

BATS: R; THROWS: R; RESIDENCE: Phoenix, Ariz.

ACQUIRED: From St. Louis with George Altman for Roger Craig, Nov. 4, 1963.

Divided last season between Buffalo and Salt Lake City after setting Met record for appearances by a pitcher in one season (62) in 1964.

Used primarily in relief in '64. Had 3-2 record with 2.74 ERA in 58 outings from the bullpen . . . Unscored upon in last 11 relief jobs . . . Was 0-3 in four starting appearances.

Starred in baseball, basketball and football at Pembroke County Day School, Kansas City, where he was president of his class from freshman through junior years and student council president as senior . . . From 1956-58 worked summers as office boy for Kansas City A's.

Classmate of Darrell Sutherland at Stanford University where both earned degrees in Economics . . . Did not play varsity baseball in college after breaking wrist as freshman.

YEAR CLUB	G	W-L	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER	ERA
1961-Lancaster	29	9-11	173	181	71	124	111	101	5.25
1962-Tulsa	32	10-12	167	167	78	135	94	82	4.42
1963-Atlanta	18	1-3	42	40	20	26	29	25	5.36
1963-Tulsa	24	3-7	45	46	23	34	30	27	5.36
1964-Mets	62	3-5	120	103	61	61	57	48	3.60
1965-Buffalo	23	0-4	51	37	31	35	36	33	5.82
1965-Salt Lake City	14	2-9	78	83	51	44	47	45	5.19

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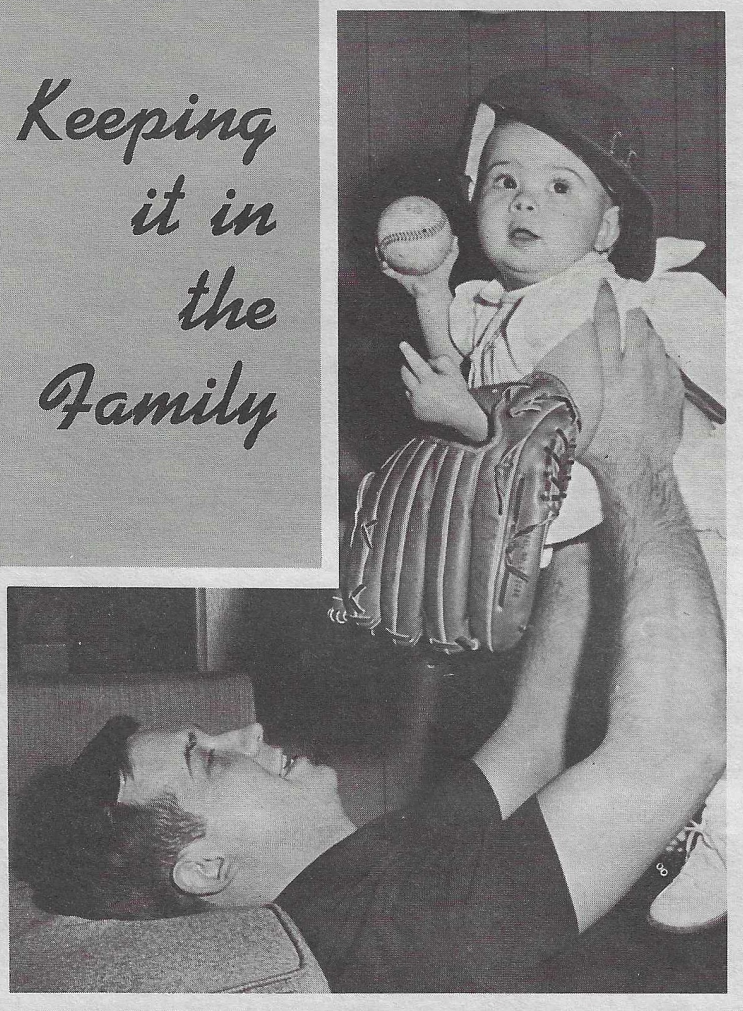
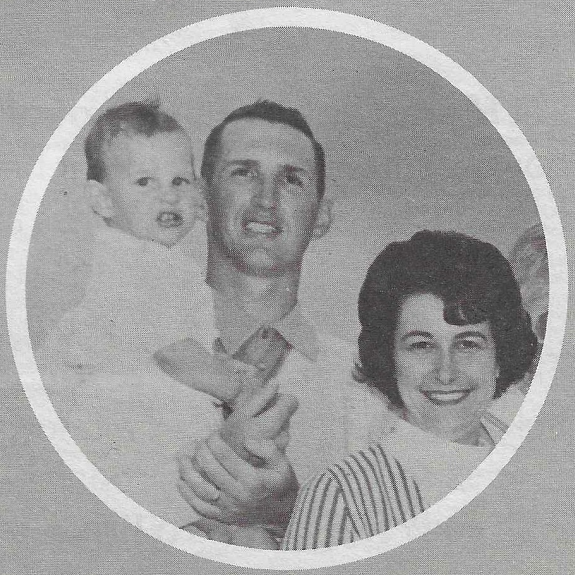


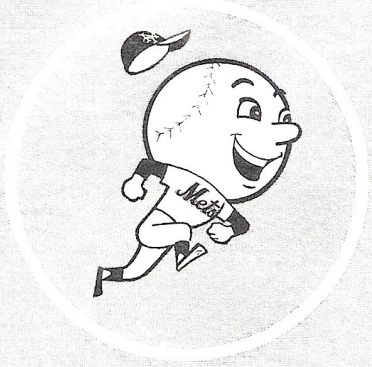
Tracy Ribant gets a real lift from family bread winner Dennis.

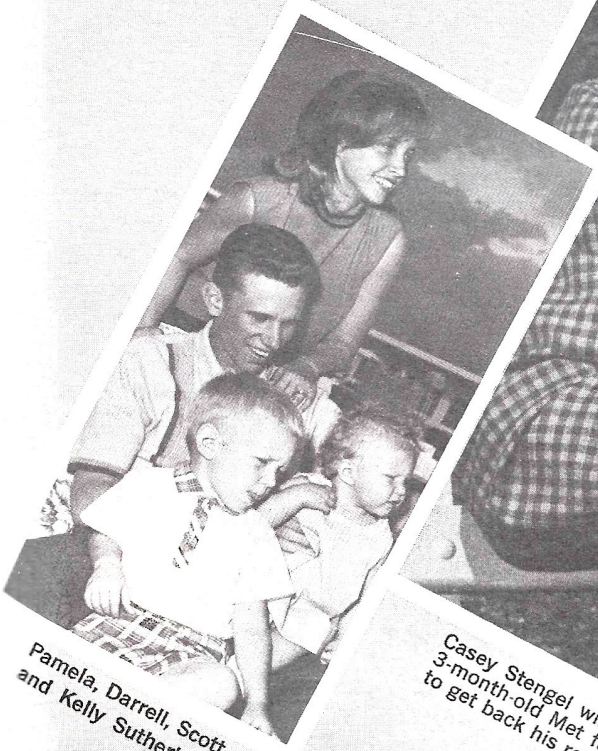
Dick Stuart impresses son Robby and frau Lois with Mets' Colonial Inn View.

Catcher Jerry Grote milked this one for laughs at expense of young heir Jeff, to amusement of hecklers Sandy and spouse Sharon.



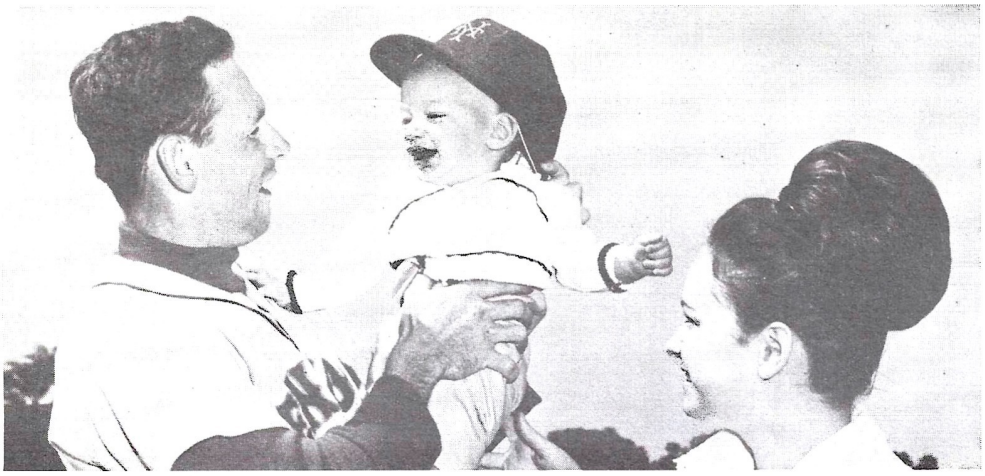
The Nischwitz family





Pamela, Darrell, Scott and Kelly Sutherland

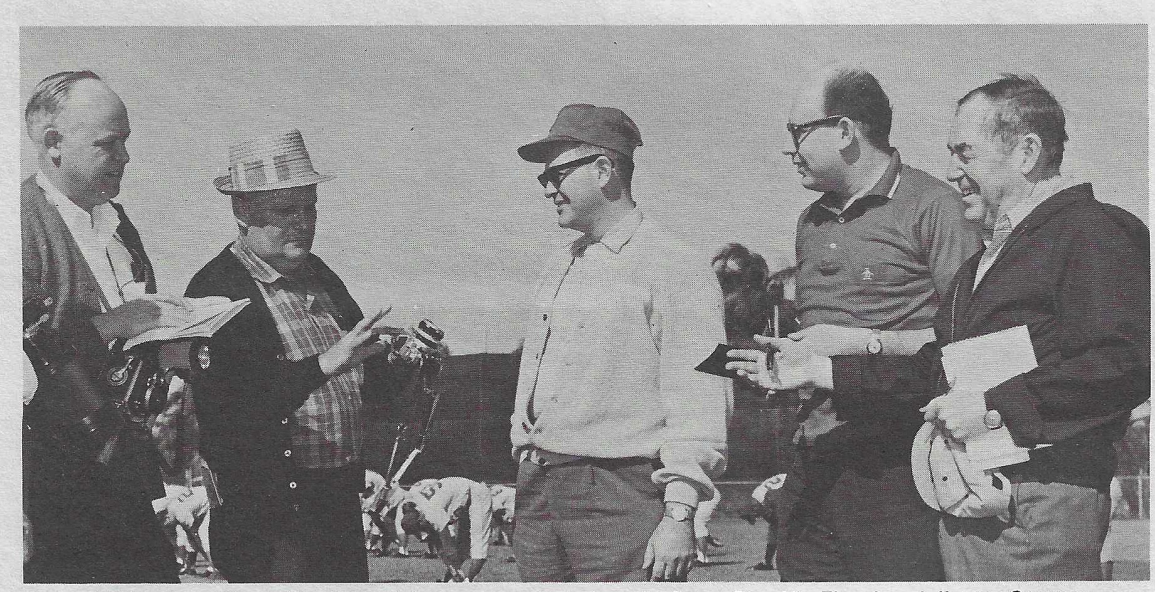
Casey Stengel will simply have to rip the uniform off 3-month-old Met fan Mathew Jacobson of Long Beach to get back his retired No. 37. T'was all in good fun.



Eight-month-old Bart Selma gets pitch from pop while Mrs. Carolyn Selma picks off sign.

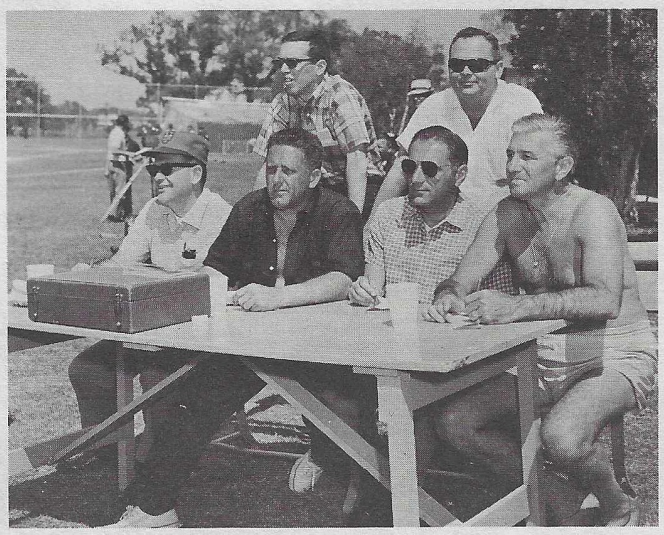
MEET THE PRESS

Press box assembles at Shea during Yuletide holiday to toast skipper Westrum on managerial appointment



AP lensman Harry Harris explains camera technique to Larry Fox, Vic Ziegel and Jimmy Cannon.

Met "voices" Bob Murphy, Ralph Kiner and Lindsey Nelson



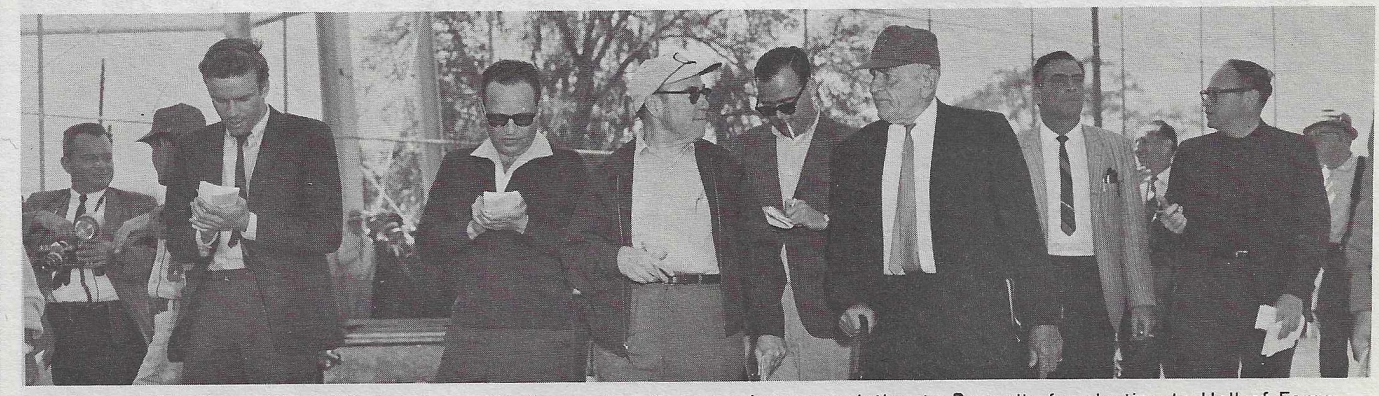
Local scribes focus on Spring intra-squad tussle

MEET THE PRESS *(Cont'd)*

Chips off old block: Bob Sales, Steve Jacobson, Larry Fox, Dick Young, Vic Ziegel and Larry Merchant between innings.

Pairing off: (bottom) Joe Durso, Vic Ziegel; (center) Jack Lang, Dick Young; (top) Fred Lieb, Jerry Izenberg.

N.Y. Times shutterbug Ernie Sisto (left) is amused as fellow photogs come up "shooting" from the floor.



Indestructible Casey Stengel limps along with "my writers," expressing appreciation to Boswells for election to Hall of Fame.

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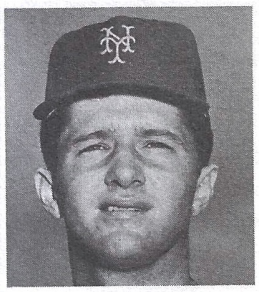
(Outstanding farm system prospects with bright Shea Stadium futures)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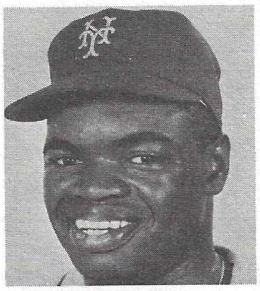
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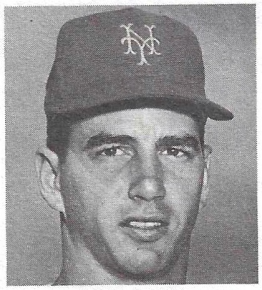
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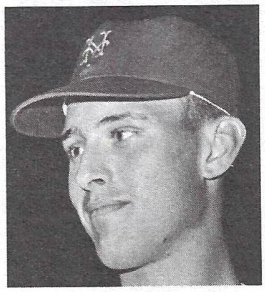
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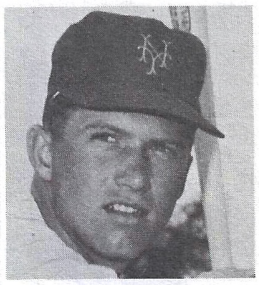
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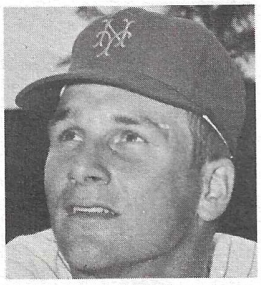
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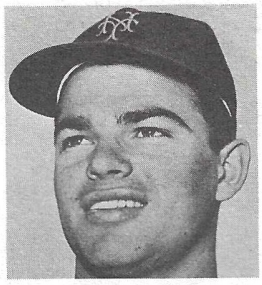
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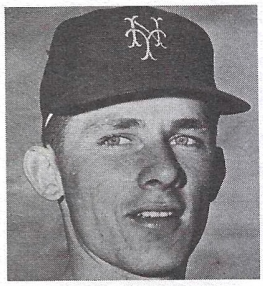
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New York Mets Official 1966 Home Schedule

APRIL

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
	11 CINCINNATI	12	13 N CINCINNATI	14	15 ATLANTA	16 L ATLANTA
17 ATLANTA	18	19 ST. LOUIS	20 ST. LOUIS	21	22 N ATLANTA	23 ATLANTA
• 24 • ATLANTA	25	26 CHICAGO	27 N PHILADELPHIA	28	29 N PITTSBURGH	30 PITTSBURGH

MAY

1 PITTSBURGH	2	3 N ST. LOUIS	4 N ST. LOUIS	5	6 N CHICAGO	7 L CHICAGO
• 8 • CHICAGO	9	10 N HOUSTON	11 N HOUSTON	12 N HOUSTON	13 N SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO 14 L
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JUNE

			1 N PITTSBURGH	PITTSBURGH 2 N	3 N LOS ANGELES	LOS ANGELES 4 L
• 5 • LOS ANGELES	6	7 N ATLANTA	8 N ATLANTA	9 N ATLANTA	10 N CINCINNATI	11 N L CINCINNATI
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AUGUST

	1 N SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO 2 N	3 N SAN FRANCISCO	SAN FRANCISCO 4	5 N ST. LOUIS	6 L ST. LOUIS
• 7 • ST. LOUIS	8	9 N PITTSBURGH	10 N PITTSBURGH	11 N PITTSBURGH	12 N ST. LOUIS	13 ST. LOUIS
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FAMILY FUN DAYS AT SHEA

Here are a few of the special events days scheduled for Shea Stadium during the 1966 season:

College Day—Sunday, May 8.

Old Timers Night—Saturday, July 30.

Banner Day
Camera Day
Mets' Family Day
Date Night
Senior Citizens' Day
Fan Club Days

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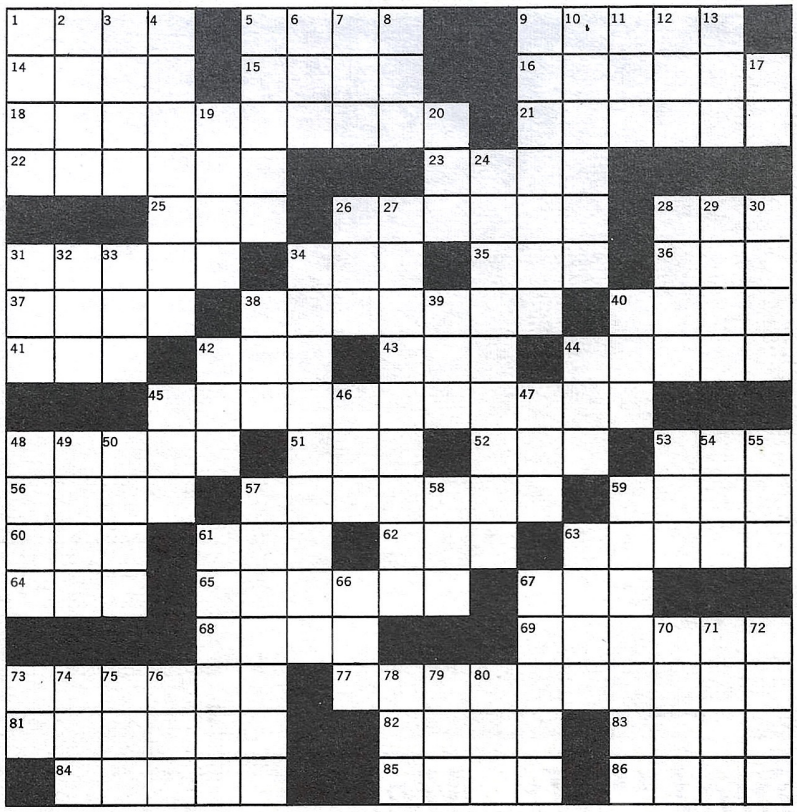

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69 Pertaining to words.
73 Famed Hollywood beach.
77 Special events at Shea.
81 Up.
82 Sly look.
83 Obituary, for short.
84 Begin.
85 Support.
86 — — — wear department.

DOWN

1 Pitcher's lapse.
2 Prayer ending.
3 Location.
4 Perfume.
5 Hen's perch.
6 Pitcher's necessity.
7 Anger.
8 Mets' league: Abbr.
9 Mets' manager.
10 Rubs out.
11 Hostelry.
12 Short for Sidney.
13 Observe.
17 Western state: Abbr.
19 Merriment.
20 Name for a girl.
24 What a day at Shea gives: 3 wds.
26 — — — Jima.
27 Arclight event.
28 First man.
29 Mesh.
30 Writing fluids.
31 — — — game practice.
32 McMillan.
33 — — — got sixpence.
34 Split a doubleheader.
38 Dessert.
39 Am. cartoonist.
40 Mets' Hickman.
42 — — — will be done.
44 Pair.
45 Ready.
46 Several: Abbr.
47 French Island.
48 Castro's Island.
49 Med. student's course: Abbr.
50 One of opposing ball clubs.
53 Grain.
54 Russian city.
55 Territory: Abbr.
57 Met infielder.
58 Fall behind.
59 Top banana's achievement.
61 Peanut.
63 Declare.
66 Toss slowly.
67 Prevent.
70 Immortal Ruth.
71 Hebrew letter.
72 WW II vessels.
73 Family member.
74 Latin for art.
75 Struck a match.
76 A rose — — — rose.
78 — — — carte.
79 Bird's beak.
80 Born.

ON SALE HERE NOW!

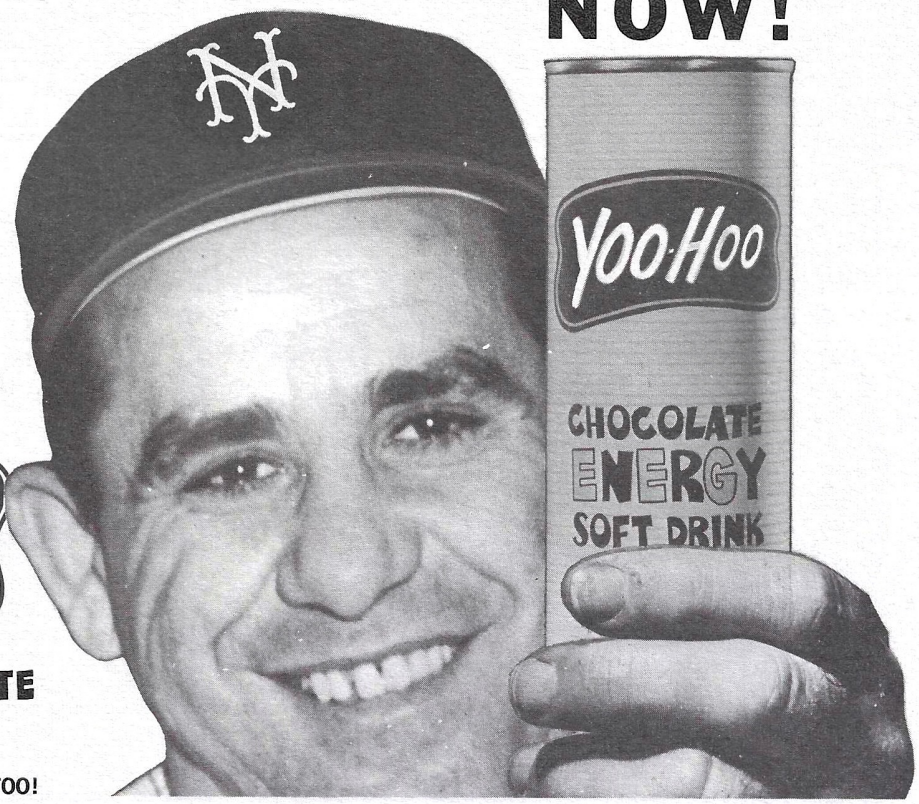
Yogi says:

Mets powered kids go-go with

Yoo-Hoo

REFRESHING CHOCOLATE SOFT DRINK

NOW IN NO DEPOSIT, NO RETURN BOTTLES, TOO!



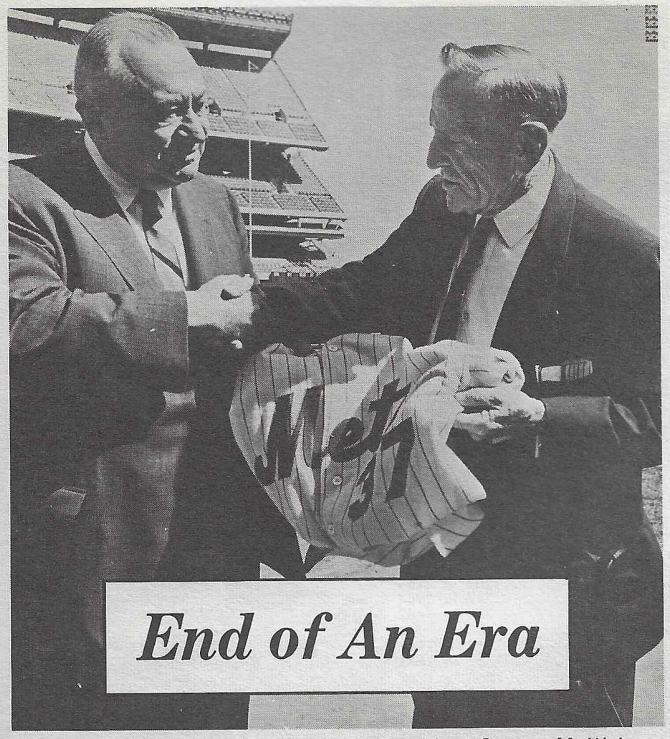
The Original "Mr. Met"

As indestructible as the game he served for 56 years, Casey Stengel receives a Hall of Fame kiss from his Edna after the Ol' Perfessor's special election to Cooperstown shrine. Surprise announcement was made at the Mets' St. Petersburg practice field that carries his name.

To Baseball, Casey Stengel represents a monument. To Shea Stadium, Casey Stengel represents Baseball. He's the name of the game.

Casey visits with "his boy," Ron Swoboda

A Hall of Famer thanks chairman Ford Frick



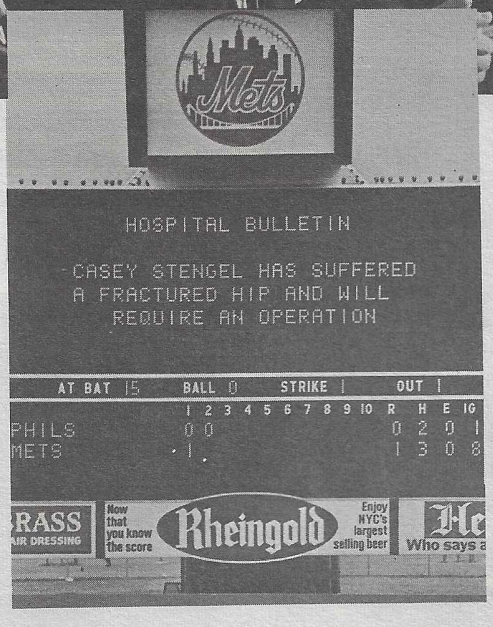
End of An Era

Famed "No. 37" is turned over to President George M. Weiss

Guest of honor at Shea Press Room lunch after retirement

"I am reluctantly retiring, on the advice of my physician"

"It's great to be in the Hall of Fame"



Scoreboard tells dramatic July 25 story

METS SEASON RECORDS

Most Games	164	in 1965
Most Runs	617	in 1962
Most Hits	1372	in 1964
Most Singles	1043	in 1964
Most Doubles	203	in 1965
Most Triples	40	in 1962
Most Home Runs	139	in 1962
Most Grand Slam Home Runs	4	in 1963
Most Total Bases	1981	in 1962
Most Long Hits	345	in 1962
Most Stolen Bases	59	in 1962
Most Walks	616	in 1962
Most Strikeouts	1129	in 1965
Most Hit by Pitches	48	in 1964
Most Runs Batted In	573	in 1962
Batting Percentage	.246	in 1964
Slugging Percentage	.361	in 1962
Most Sacrifice Flies	44	in 1962
Most Sacrifice Bunts	76	in 1965
Winning Streak	5 (May 5-May 10)	1963
	(Aug. 16-Aug. 21)	1964
Losing Streak	17 (May 21-June 6)	1962
Games Won	53	in 1964
Games Won, Home	34	in 1963
Games Won, Road	21	in 1965
Games Lost	120	in 1962
Games Lost, Home	58	in 1962
Games Lost, Road	64	in 1963
Won-Lost Pct.	.327	in 1964
Most Extra Inning Games	17 (Won 4, Lost 13)	in 1962
Most Night Games	86 (Won 28, Lost 58)	in 1965
Most Doubleheaders	28 (Won 3, Lost 15, Split 10)	in 1962
Most Times Shut Out	30	in 1963

CLUB PITCHING

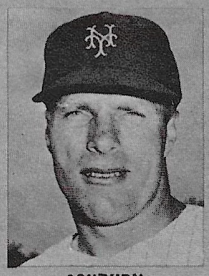
Most Shutouts	11	in 1965
Most Complete Games	43	in 1962
Most Strikeouts	804	in 1963
Fewest Strikeouts	717	in 1964
Most Walks	571	in 1962
Fewest Walks	466	in 1964
Most Hits Allowed	1577	in 1962
Fewest Hits Allowed	1452	in 1963
Most Runs Allowed	948	in 1962
Fewest Runs Allowed	752	in 1965
Most Home Runs Allowed	192	in 1962
Fewest Home Runs Allowed	130	in 1964
Lowest ERA	4.06	in 1965
Highest ERA	5.04	in 1962

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Highest Batting Average	306	Richie Ashburn	1962
Most Runs	78	Joe Christopher	1964
Most Hits	163	Joe Christopher	1964
Most Singles	113	Joe Christopher, Ron Hunt	1964
Most Doubles	28	Ron Hunt	1963
Most Triples	9	Charlie Neal	1962
Most Homers, RH	34	Frank Thomas	1962
Most Homers, LH	16	Marv Throneberry	1962
Most Homers, rookie	19	Ron Swoboda	1965
Most Homers, at home	18	Frank Thomas	1962
Most Homers, on road	16	Frank Thomas	1962
Most Total Bases	283	Frank Thomas	1962
Highest Slugging Percentage	.496	Frank Thomas	1962
Most Stolen Bases	12	Richie Ashburn, Elio Chacon	1962
Most Walks	81	Richie Ashburn	1962
Most Strikeouts	123	Charley Smith	1965
Fewest Strikeouts	16	Roy McMillan (416 AB)	1964
Most Hit by Pitcher	13	Ron Hunt	1963
Most Runs Batted In	94	Frank Thomas	1962
Consecutive Game Hit Streak	18	Frank Thomas	1962
Most Sacrifice Bunts	16	Roy McMillan	1965
Most Sacrifice Flies	8	Ed Kranepool	1965
Most Ground. into DP	23	Frank Thomas	1963
Fewest Ground. into DP	4	Richie Ashburn	1962

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

Most Consecutive Games Won	4	Larry Bearnarth	1964
Most Consecutive Games Lost	18	Roger Craig	1963
Most Games	62	Bill Wakefield	1964
Most Games Started	36	Jack Fisher	1965
Most Complete Games	14	Roger Craig	1963
Most Innings	254	Jack Fisher	1965
Most Games Won	13	Al Jackson	1963
Most Games Lost	24	Roger Craig	1962
	24	Jack Fisher	1965
Most Walks	84	Al Jackson	1963
Most Strikeouts	142	Al Jackson	1963
Most Shutouts	4	Al Jackson	1962
	4	Carl Willey	1963
Most Runs	137	Jay Hook	1962
Most Earned Runs	117	Roger Craig	1962
Most Hits	261	Roger Craig	1962
Most Hit Batsmen	12	Al Jackson	1963
Most Wild Pitches	12	Robert L. Miller	1962
	12	Tracy Stallard	1964
Most Home Runs Allowed	35	Roger Craig	1962
Lowest Earned Run Average (Minimum 162 innings)	3.10	Carl Willey	1963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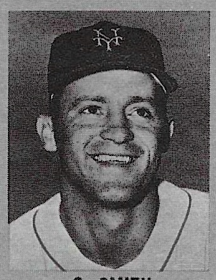
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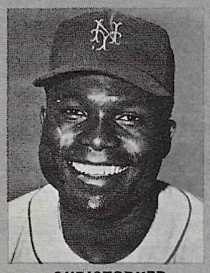
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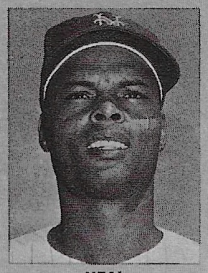
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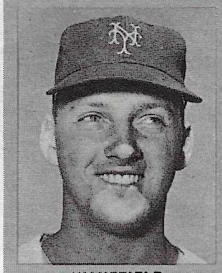
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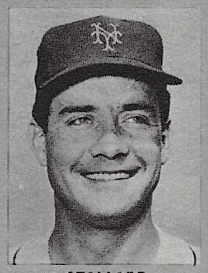
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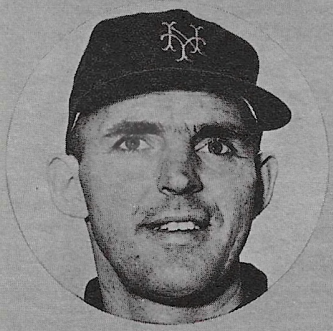
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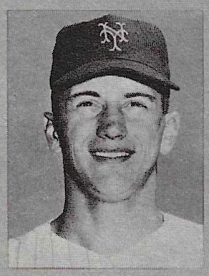
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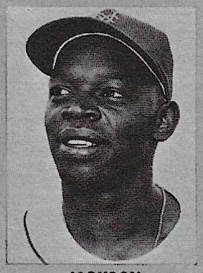
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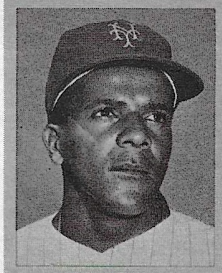
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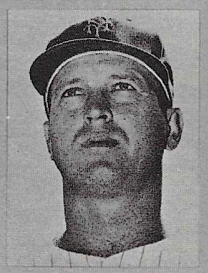
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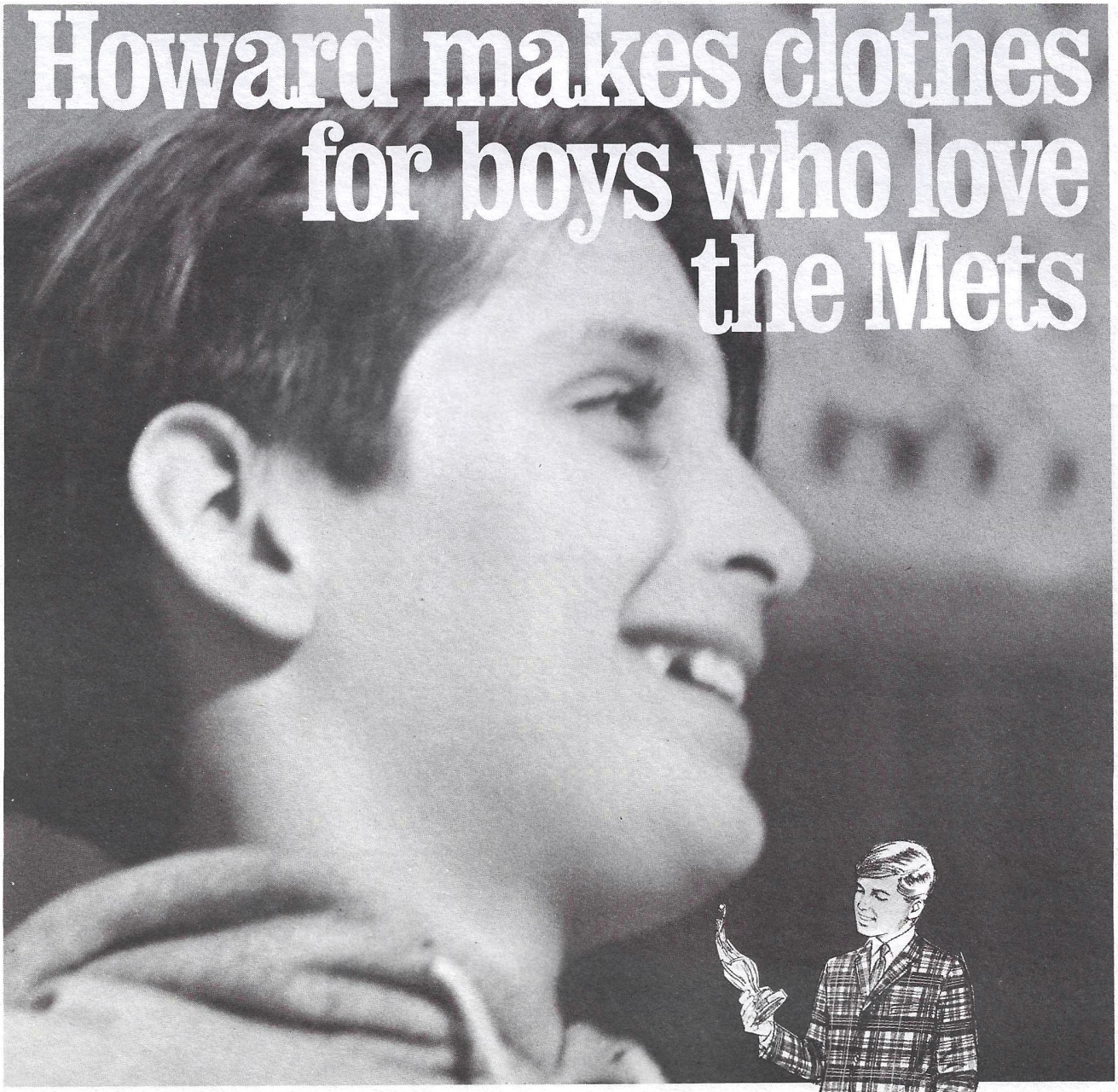
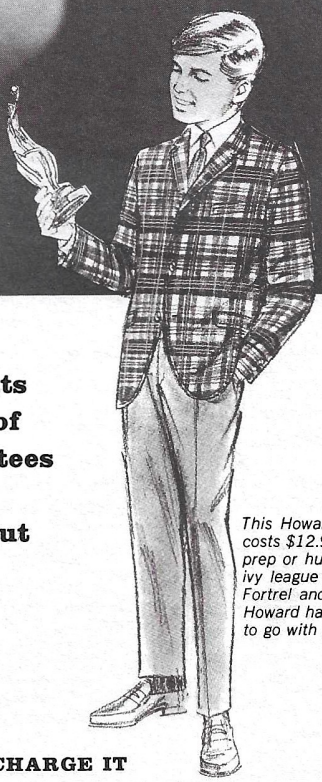
SHEA STADIUM ATTENDANCE HIGHS

	PAID	OPPONENT	DATE
Single Week Day Game	48,736	Pittsburgh	April 17, 1964
Single Night Game	55,062	San Francisco	May 29, 1964
Saturday Afternoon	38,915	Los Angeles	June 12, 1965
Saturday Night	48,147	San Francisco	Aug. 28, 1965
Single Sunday	46,033	San Francisco	Aug. 29, 1965
Doubleheader	57,175	Los Angeles	June 13, 1965
Twi-Night	45,065	Los Angeles	Sept. 4, 1964
*HolidayDoubleheader	54,360	Los Angeles	May 30, 1962
Holiday Doubleheader (Shea)	35,900	Chicago	July 5, 1965
Three-Date Series	151,113	Los Angeles	June 11-13, 1965
	55,023	Los Angeles	Friday Night
	38,915	Los Angeles	Saturday Aft.
	57,175	Los Angeles	Sunday DH
Season	1,768,389		68 Dates, 1965

*Polo Grounds record

Howard makes clothes for boys who love the Mets





Howard makes suits for boys the way Howard makes suits for men... to fit, and to keep on fitting. But with boys, of course, there's a problem. They grow. So Howard guarantees free alterations as often as a boy needs them. Over the years, Howard has made a lot of those free alterations. But it's better than seeing thousands of customers growing out of their clothes.

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455 86th St.
1405 Kings Highway
55-45 Myrtle Ave.
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1450 Metropolitan Ave.
2825 Third Ave.
981-5 Southern Blvd.

STATEN ISLAND:
163 Richmond Ave.

QUEENS:
89-40 165th St.
39-09 Main St.
31-22 Steinway St.

LONG ISLAND:
Roosevelt Field
Hempstead
Levittown
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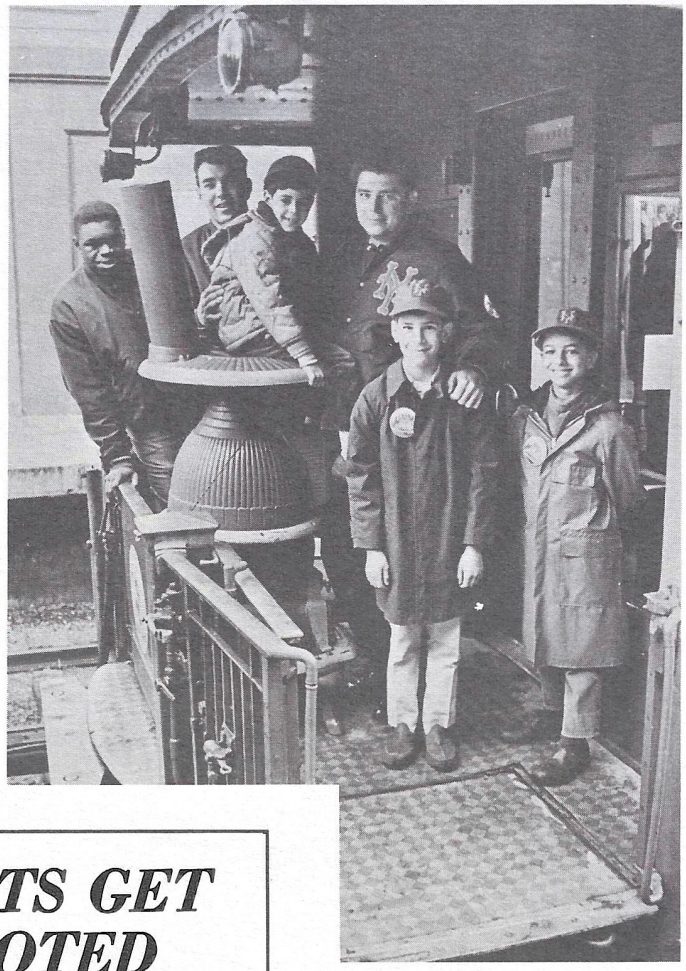
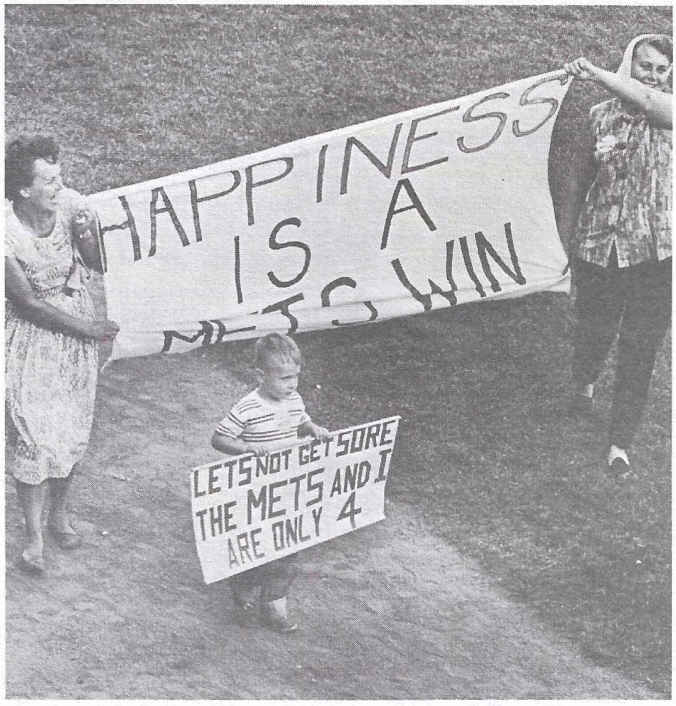
Reservations for Met home games can be made at any Howard store, •Watch for Grand Opening new Levittown store, March 15

Swoboda and Berra at Bellevue during Christmas tour of hospitals

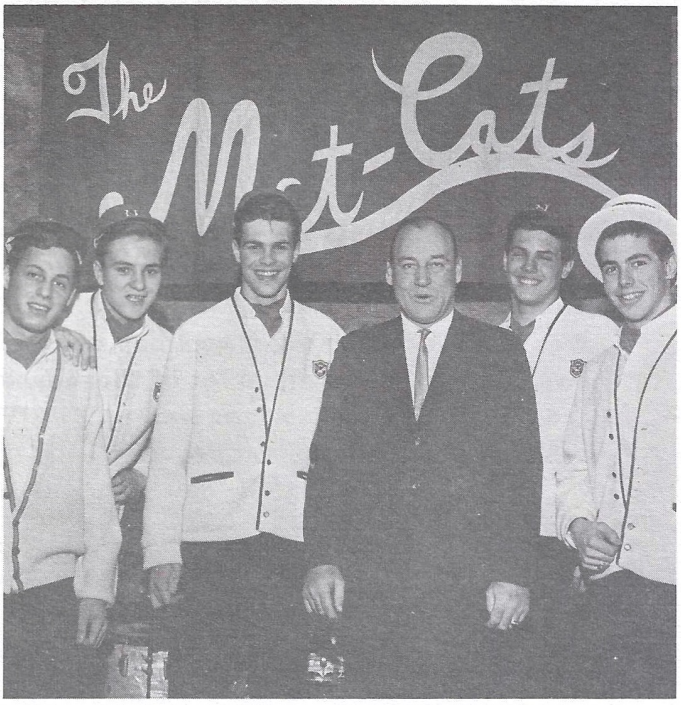
THE METS GET PROMOTED



Napoleon, Kranepool, Fisher and young fans on Hot Stove Express



It's always a banner day at Big Shea

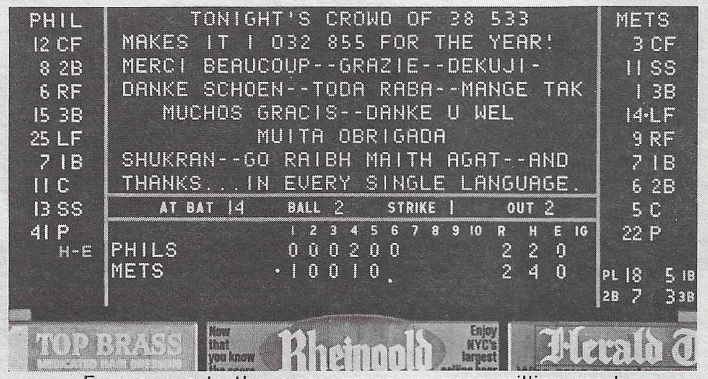


The sound of Met music by the Met-Cats

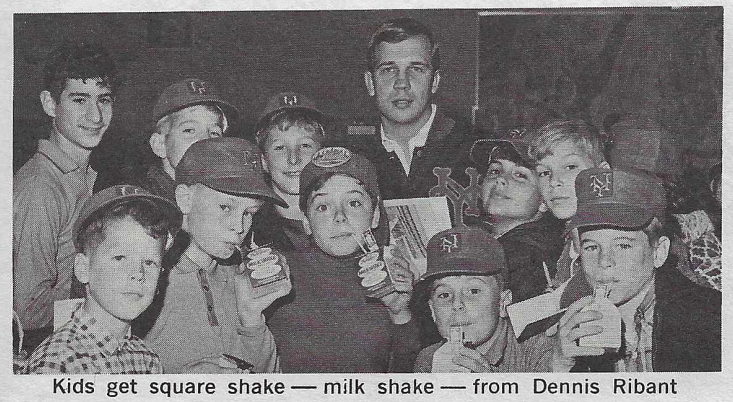
SPREADING GOOD CHEER FOR THE METS

Ed Kranepool fields questions in Mets' booth at February International Sports Show in Coliseum. Fans field autographs.

Millionth Fan: Mrs. Ralph Allen (and hubby)

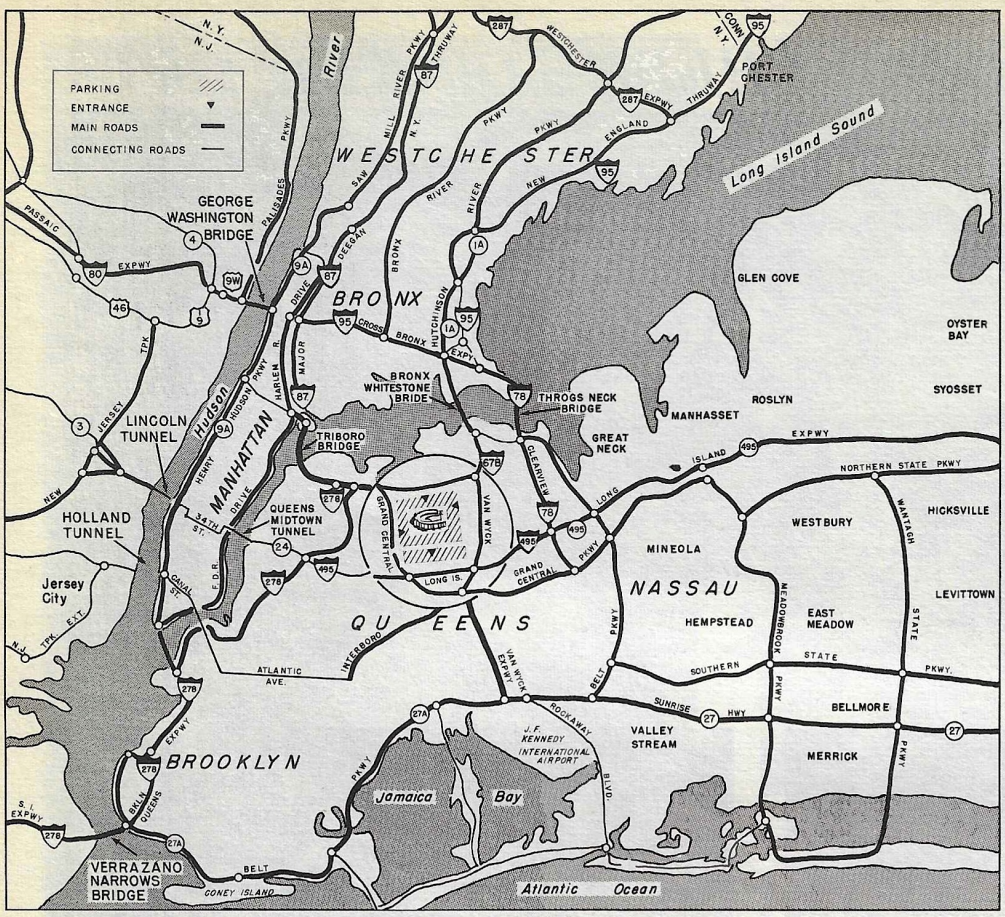


Everyone gets the message as we pass million mark



Kids get square shake — milk shake — from Dennis Ribant

M. Donald Grant addresses L. I. Mets' Boosters



HOW TO GET TO SHEA STADIUM

BY RAILROAD—Long Island Railroad direct to Shea Stadium station.

BY SUBWAY—Via IRT, connections can be made from Times Square or Grand Central stations. From either point, take Main Street, Flushing train direct to Shea Stadium.

Via IND, take "E" or "F" train to Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights. Then change to IRT Main Street, Flushing train which goes directly to Shea Stadium.

From Brooklyn, it is also possible to reach Roosevelt Ave., Jackson Heights, via the "GG" train on the IND line and change to the Main Street, Flushing train.

Via BMT, take Astoria train to Queensboro Plaza, then change to IRT Main Street, Flushing line which goes direct to Shea Stadium.

BY CAR—From Bronx and Westchester: Whitestone Bridge via Whitestone Parkway to Stadium.

From New Jersey: George Washington Bridge via Tri-Boro Bridge and Grand Central Parkway to Stadium.

From Manhattan: Tri-Boro Bridge and Grand Central Parkway or Queens-Midtown Tunnel and Long Island Expressway, via Van Wyck Expressway or Grand Central Parkway, to Stadium.

From Long Island: Belt Parkway, Van Wyck Expressway and Grand Central Parkway.

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Grand Central*	8:00-6:00	8:30-4:00	Closed
Penn Station**	8:00-6:00	8:30-4:00	Closed
Shea Stadium***	8:00-6:00	9:00-5:00	9:00-5:00
Macy★s****	Regular Store Hours		

*Foot of 42nd Street & Vanderbilt Avenue Ramp
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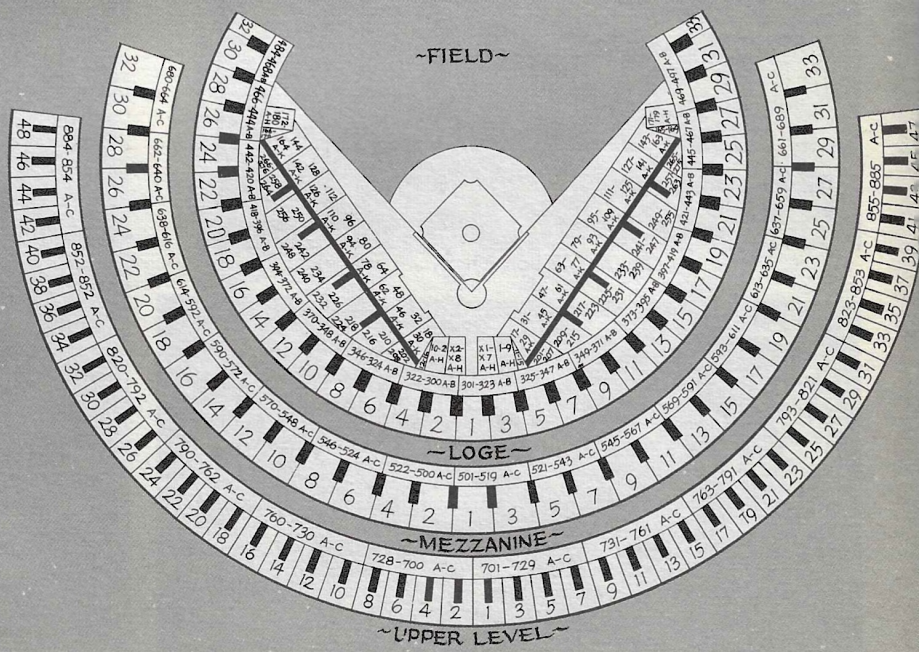
3. Add 25c for postage and handling charges.
4. Mail to Ticket Manager, Shea Stadium, Flushing, N.Y. 11368

GAME TIMES—1966

Game	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays
Single	2:00	2:15	2:00
Doubleheader	1:00	1:00	1:05
Night	8:00	8:00	—
Twi-Night	6:00	6:00	—



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